

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1608  
of US West NewVector Group, Inc., )  
Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of)  
itself and Omaha Cellular Tele- )  
phone Company dba AirTouch Cellu- )  
lar, seeking authority to invoke ) Interconnection  
Section 252(i) of the Telecommuni-) Agreement Approved  
cations Act of 1996 to utilize the)  
Arbitrated Interconnection Agree- )  
ment between US West Communica- )  
tions, Inc. and Western Wireless )  
Corporation (C-1409). ) Entered: August 26, 1997

BY THE COMMISSION

O P I N I O N   A N D   F I N D I N G S

On August 12, 1997, US West NewVector Group, Inc. of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of itself and Omaha Cellular Telephone Company dba AirTouch Cellular, filed an application requesting authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) to utilize the arbitrated agreement between US West Communications, Inc. (US West) and Western Wireless Corporation (Western Wireless). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on August 13, 1997. The Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on the application. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

AirTouch Cellular is a wireless provider offering cellular telecommunications services within Nebraska. Section 252(i) of the Act allows any telecommunications company to adopt a Commission approved interconnection agreement. AirTouch Cellular wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with US West and accordingly, seeks to adopt the US West/Western Wireless interconnection agreement. The US West/Western Wireless agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application C-1409 and became effective April 8, 1997.

On May 28, 1997, the Commission added language to its mediation/arbitration policy (see Application No. C-1128, Progression Order No. 3) which sets forth the procedures to be followed for a Section 252(i) request. AirTouch Cellular has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1608 is hereby approved and AirTouch Cellular is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between US West and Western Wireless.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that AirTouch Cellular's adoption of the arbitrated agreement between US West and Western Wireless became effective August 22, 1997.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 26th day of August, 1997.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

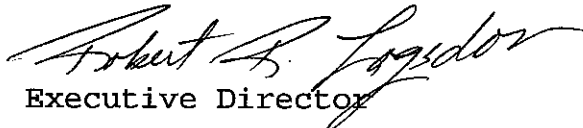


//s//Rod Johnson  
//s//Frank E. Landis  
//s//Daniel G. Urwiller

Chairman



ATTEST:

  
Executive Director