

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-1723  
of United Telephone Company of )  
the West, dba Sprint, Overland )  
Park, Kansas, and U.S. Telco, In- )  
corporated, Houston, Texas, seek- ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
ing approval of their voluntarily ) APPROVED  
negotiated Master Resale Agree- )  
ment under the Telecommunications )  
Act of 1996. ) Entered: February 18, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 6, 1998, United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint (Sprint United) and U.S. Telco, Incorporated (U.S. Telco) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on January 8, 1998. The Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on Sprint United and U.S. Telco's interconnection agreement. No protests were filed; therefore, this application will be processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Sprint United and U.S. Telco entered into a master resale interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act mandates this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the interconnection agreement filed January 6, 1998, should be approved.

Before U.S. Telco is allowed to provide local exchange service, it must receive a certificate of public convenience and necessity from this Commission authorizing it to provide local exchange service in Nebraska and must file a tariff in accordance with the provisions of Section 002.21 of Neb. Admin. R. & Regs. tit. 291, ch. 5.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint and U.S. Telco, Incorporated be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon certification to provide local exchange service and approval of its tariff, U.S. Telco, Incorporated is authorized to provide local exchange service according to the terms of the interconnection agreement approved herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed interconnection agreement filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of February, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Anne C. Boyer* *Lowell C. Johnson*  
Chairman

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

ATTEST:

*Robert H. Logsdon*  
Executive Director