

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1751
of Nebraska Technology & Telecom-)	
munications, Inc., Lincoln, seek-)	
ing authority to invoke Section)	Interconnection
252(i) of the Telecommunications)	Agreement Approved
Act of 1996 to utilize the Arbi-)	
trated Interconnection Agreement)	
between AT&T Communications of)	
the Midwest, Inc. and GTE Mid-)	
west, Inc. to obtain interconnec-)	
tion from GTE Midwest, Inc.)	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 February 6, 1998, Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T), Lincoln, Nebraska, filed an application requesting authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) to utilize the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T) and GTE Midwest, Inc. (GTE). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on February 11, 1998. No protests were filed; therefore, this application will be administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

NT&T obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application C-1523 on September 15, 1997. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. NT&T wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with GTE and accordingly, seeks to adopt the AT&T/GTE interconnection agreement. The AT&T/GTE agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application C-1400 and became effective May 29, 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. NT&T has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

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O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application C-1751 be, and it is hereby, approved and Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc. is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and GTE Midwest, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc.'s adoption of the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and GTE Midwest, Inc. became effective February 16, 1998.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed agreement of Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications, Inc.'s adaptation of the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc./GTE Midwest, Inc. arbitrated agreement reflecting NT&T and GTE as parties to the agreement be filed with the Commission in paper copy, as well as electronically, on or before March 2, 1998.

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

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chairman

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

ATTEST:

Robert H. Lapsley
Executive Director