

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. C-1791
Aliant Midwest, Inc. of Lincoln,)
Nebraska, seeking designation)
as an Eligible Telecommunications) GRANTED
Carrier that may receive universal)
service support.) Entered: September 1, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed April 7, 1998, Aliant Midwest, Inc. (Midwest) of Lincoln, Nebraska, seeks designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) that may receive universal service support. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 8, 1998, pursuant to the rules of the Commission. Formal interventions were filed by Arapahoe Telephone Co., Arlington Telephone Co., Cambridge Telephone Co., Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telco, Inc., Consolidated Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co., Great Plains Communications, Hartington Telecommunications, Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Hooper Telephone Co., K & M Telephone Co., NebCom, Nebraska Central Telephone, Northeast Nebraska Telephone, Pierce Telephone, Rock County Telephone, Southeast Nebraska Telephone, Stanton Telephone, and the Blair Telephone Co. No protests were filed.

On May 20, 1998, Commission staff sent Midwest a data request. Midwest submitted a response to the request on June 3, 1998.

On August 18, 1998, Midwest filed an amended application to reduce the scope of ETC designation from statewide to those areas served by US West Communications, Inc. and GTE Midwest Incorporated.

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

Upon review of the application and the information filed in response to the staff request for data, we find:

1. Midwest offers services that are supported by federal universal service support mechanisms under section 254(c) either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier); and
2. Midwest advertises the availability of such services and the general charges, therefore, using media of general distribution.

As Midwest has met the criteria set forth in U.S.C. 214(e), we find the application should be granted. There is no need to hold a hearing on this matter.

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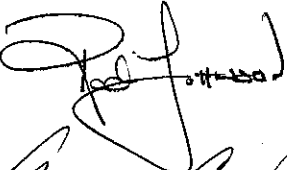
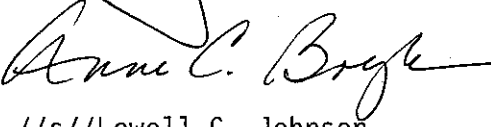
O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1791 be, and it is hereby, granted and Aliant Midwest Inc. is hereby declared to be an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the areas served by US West Communications and GTE Midwest Incorporated.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 1st day of September, 1998.

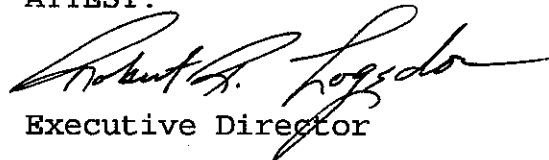
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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director