

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1796
of Metro, Paging, Mobile Phone,)	
Communications Company, dba Metro)	
Area User, Fremont, and US West)	INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Communications, Inc., Denver,)	APPROVED
Colorado, jointly seeking approval)	
of their voluntarily negotiated)	
interconnection agreement.)	Entered: May 20, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 14, 1998, Metro, Paging, Mobile Phone, Communications Company, dba Metro Area User (Metro) and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on April 16, 1998. The Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on Metro and US West'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), Metro and US West entered into an 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 requires 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 April 14, 1998, should be approved.

If Metro chooses in the future to provide local exchange service, it must first 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 Metro, Paging, Mobile Phone, Communications Company, dba Metro Area User and US West Communications, Inc. be, and it is hereby, approved.


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 20th day of May, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director