BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-1808	
of Tin Can Communications Com-)		
pany, LLC, Houston, Texas, and)		
United Telephone Company of the)	INTERCONNECTION AGREEM	ENT
West, dba Sprint, Overland Park,)	APPROVED	
Kansas, seeking approval of their)		
voluntarily negotiated Master Re-)		
sale Agreement (Interconnection).)	Entered: June 16, 199	8

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On May 7, 1998, Tin Can Communications Company, LLC (Tin Can) and United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint (Sprint United) jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record May 8, 1998. The Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on Tin Can and Sprint United's interconnection agreement. No protests were 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), Tin Can and Sprint United 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 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 May 7, 1998, should be approved.

Before Tin Can can provide basic local exchange service under this agreement, 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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ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between Tin Can Communications Company, LLC and United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint 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 16th day of June, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s//Lowell C. Johnson

//s//Frank E. Landis