

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the joint Appli-) Application No. C-1899
cation of Sterling International)
Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex of)
Portland, Oregon, and US West) INTERCONNECTION
Communications, Inc. of Denver,) AGREEMENT APPROVED
Colorado, seeking approval of their)
voluntarily negotiated inter-)
connection agreement.) Entered: October 7, 1998

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On September 3, 1998, Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex (Reconex) 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 September 9, 1998. The Nebraska Independent Telephone Association filed comments on Reconex and US West's interconnection agreement. No protests were filed. Therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Reconex and US West 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 September 3, 1998, should be approved.

Before Reconex can provide basic local exchange services 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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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between Sterling International Funding, Inc. d/b/a Reconex 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 7th day of October, 1998.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

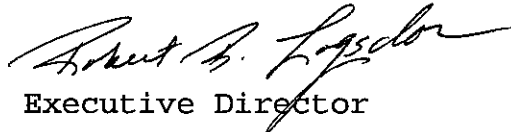
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ATTEST:


Executive Director