

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the application) Application No. C-1995
of Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba)
EZ Phone Connections, Papillion,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
seeking approval of interconnection) APPROVED
pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i))
with GTE Midwest, Incorporated.) Entered: March 2, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION

On February 10, 1999, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections, Papillion, 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 12, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application will be administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

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

EZ Phone Connections obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1963 which was granted on February 9, 1999. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. EZ Phone Connections 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 No. 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. EZ Phone Connections has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-1995 be, and it is hereby, approved and Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and GTE Midwest, Inc.

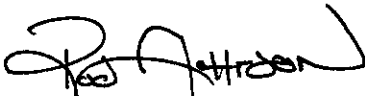
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Houlton Enterprises, Inc. dba EZ Phone Connection's adoption of the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and GTE Midwest, Inc. became effective February 10, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed agreement of Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connection's adaptation of the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc./GTE Midwest, Inc. arbitrated agreement reflecting Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections and GTE as parties to the agreement be filed with the Commission in paper copy, as well as electronically, on or before March 19, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of March, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

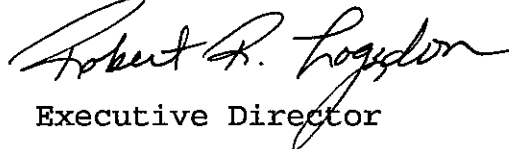


//s//Lowell C. Johnson
//s//Frank E. Landis



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director