

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Appli-) Application No. C-2023
cation of McLeodUSA Telecommuni-)
cations Services, Inc. of Cedar)
Rapids, Iowa, and US West Communi-) INTERCONNECTION
cations, Inc. of Denver, Colorado,) AGREEMENT APPROVED
seeking approval of their adoption)
and wireline interconnection)
agreement pursuant to 47 USC)
Section 252(i).) Entered: April 14, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION

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

On March 29, 1999, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) filed a joint 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 US West. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record on March 31, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

McLeodUSA obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1932 on January 13, 1999. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. McLeodUSA wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with US West and accordingly seeks to adopt the AT&T/US West interconnection agreement. The AT&T/US West agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1385 and became effective August 8, 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. McLeodUSA 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 C-2023 be, and it is hereby, approved and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US West Communications, Inc.

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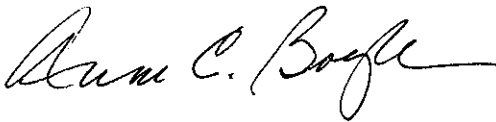
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s adoption of the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US West Communications, Inc. became effective April 8, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed agreement of McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s adaptation of the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc./US West Communications, Inc. arbitrated agreement reflecting McLeodUSA and US West as parties to the agreement be filed with the Commission in paper copy, as well as electronically, on or before April 28, 1999.

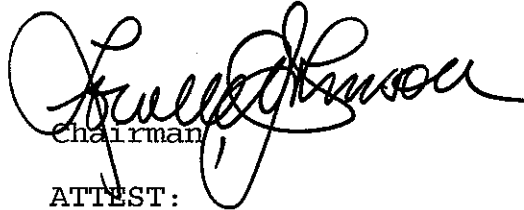
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of April, 1999.

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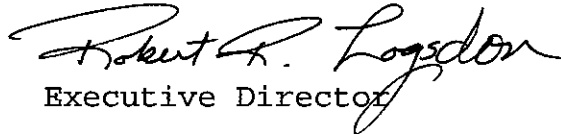
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



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Chairman

ATTEST:


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