

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections, Papillion, Nebraska, seeking approval of interconnection pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i) with Aliant Communications Company.) Application No. C-2030
)
) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
) APPROVED
)
) Entered: April 20, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 9, 1999, Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections (EZ Phone) and Aliant Communications Company (Aliant) filed a joint application requesting authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) to utilize the agreement containing the terms and conditions of Aliant's Service Resale Agreement with Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. (NT&T). Notice of this application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 13, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application has been administered pursuant to the Commission's modified procedure rule.

EZ Phone obtained a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1782 on August 4, 1998. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. EZ Phone wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with Aliant and accordingly seeks to adopt the Aliant/NT&T agreement approved by the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-2006 on March 30, 1999.

On May 28, 1997, the Commission added language to its mediation/arbitration policy (see Application C-1128, Progression Order No. 3) which sets forth the procedures to be followed for a Section 252(i) request. EZ Phone 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-2030 be, and it is hereby, approved and Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between Aliant Communications Company and Nebraska Technology and Telecommuni-cations, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections' adoption of the arbitrated agreement between Aliant Communications Company and Nebraska Technology &

Telecommunications, Inc. became effective on April 19, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed agreement of Houlton Enterprises, Inc., dba EZ Phone Connections' adoption of the Aliant Communications Company/Nebraska Technology & Telecommunications, Inc. arbitrated agreement be filed with the Commission in paper copy, as well as electronically, on or before May 4, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 20th day of April, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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