## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On July 30, 1999, a joint application was filed by Computer Business Sciences, Inc. (CBS) of Key Gardens, New York, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of their voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement.

Notice of the application was published in <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 2, 1999. 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), CBS and US West entered into an 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 July 30, 1999, should be approved.

Before CBS 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission, that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement

between Computer Business Sciences, Inc. 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 8th day of September, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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