

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2099
of Aliant Midwest, Inc., Lincoln,)
seeking authority to invoke)
Section 252(i) of the Telecom-)
munications Act of 1996 for inter-) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
connection with GTE Midwest of) APPROVED
Grinnell, Iowa, and to adopt the)
arbitrated interconnection agree-)
ment between GTE Midwest, Inc. and)
AT&T; of the Midwest, Inc.) Entered: August 24, 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On August 11, 1999, an application was filed by Aliant Midwest Inc. (Aliant Midwest) of Lincoln, seeking authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 for interconnection with GTE Midwest (GTE) of Grinnell, Iowa, and to adopt the arbitrated interconnection agreement between GTE and AT&T; of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T;). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 13, 1999. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Aliant Midwest obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services from the Commission pursuant to Application Nos. C-1440, C-1775 and C-2012. Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. Aliant Midwest wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with GTE and accordingly seeks to adopt the GTE/AT&T; interconnection agreement. The GTE/AT&T; agreement was approved by the Commission on April 14, 1997, pursuant to Docket No. C-1400.

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. Aliant Midwest 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-2099 be, and it is hereby, granted and Aliant Midwest Inc. is authorized to adopt the voluntarily-negotiated agreement between GTE Midwest, Inc. and AT&T; of the Midwest, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Aliant Midwest Inc.'s adoption of the interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest, Inc. and AT&T; of

the Midwest, Inc. became effective August 11, 1999.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a signed agreement of Aliant Midwest Inc.'s adoption of the GTE Midwest, Inc./AT&T; of the Midwest, Inc. interconnection agreement reflecting Aliant Midwest Inc. and GTE Midwest, Inc. as parties to the agreement be filed with the Commission in paper copy, as well as electronically, on or before September 7, 1999.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of August, 1999.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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