

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Appli-) Application No. C-2169
cation of United Telephone Company)
of the West, dba Sprint of)
Overland Park, Kansas, and) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Panhandle Networx, LLC of) APPROVED
Scottsbluff, seeking approval of)
their voluntarily-negotiated)
interconnection agreement.) Entered: January 4, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On November 30, 1999, an application was filed by United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint (Sprint) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Panhandle Networx, LLC (Panhandle) of Scottsbluff, seeking approval of their voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in
The
Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 1, 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), Sprint and Panhandle 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 November 30, 1999, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint, and Panhandle Networx, LLC 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 4th day of January, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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