## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On December 14, 1999, a joint application was filed by Pathnet, Inc. (Pathnet) of
Washington, D.C., and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Englewood,
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 December 16, 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), Pathnet 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 December 14, 1999, should be approved.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between Pathnet, 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 19th day of January, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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