BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2206 of Level 3 Communications, L.L.C.,) of Louisville, Colorado, and US) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT West Communications, Inc., of) APPROVED Denver, Colorado, seeking approval) of their interconnection agree-) ment pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252(i).) Entered: February 8, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On January 25, 2000, a joint application was filed by Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. (Level 3) of Louisville, Colorado, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of their interconnection agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §252(i). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 26, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows any telecommunications carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. Level 3 and US West wish to establish an interconnection agreement and accordingly seek to adopt the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.(AT&T)/US West interconnection agreement. The AT&T/US West agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1385 on August 5, 1997.

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 §252(i) request. Level 3 and US West have sufficiently complied with the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2206 be, and it is hereby, approved and Level 3 Communications, Inc. and US West Communications, Inc. are hereby authorized to adopt the interconnection agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US West.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of the AT&T/US West interconnection agreement by Level 3 and US West became effective February 4, 2000.

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 February, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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