## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-2225 of United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint of Overland ) Park, Kansas, and Tracy Corporation ) INTERCONNECTION II of Gering, Nebraska, jointly ) AGREEMENT seeking approval of their volun-APPROVED ) tarily-negotiated Master Inter-) connection and Resale Agreement. ) Entered: March 28, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On February 22, 2000, United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint (Sprint) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Tracy Corporation II of Gering, Nebraska, jointly filed an application seeking approval of their voluntarily-negotiated Master Interconnection and Resale Agreement.

Notice of the application was published in <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a> on February 24, 2000. 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 Tracy Corporation II entered into a master interconnection and resale 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 February 22, 2000, should be approved.

This Commission granted Tracy Corporation II the authority to provide local exchange services throughout the state of Nebraska in Application Nos. C-1907 and C-1968. Before Tracy Corporation II can provide basic local exchange services under this agreement, it must first 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 United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint, and Tracy Corporation II be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS THEREFORE 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 28th day of March, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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