

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2238  
Application of Rhythms Links, )  
Inc. of Englewood, Colorado, and )  
US West Communications, Inc. of ) AMENDMENT APPROVED  
Denver, Colorado, seeking approval )  
of Amendment No. 1 to their vol- )  
untarily-negotiated interconnec- )  
tion agreement. ) Entered: April 5, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On March 3, 2000, a joint application was filed by Rhythms Links, Inc. (Rhythms Links) of Englewood, Colorado, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of Amendment No. 1 to their voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 7, 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), Rhythms Links and US West entered into an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. This agreement was approved by the Commission on December 7, 1999, pursuant to Application No. C-2149. In the current application, Rhythms Links and US West seek to amend certain provisions of the original agreement. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment 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 amendment filed March 3, 2000, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 1 to the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between Rhythms Links, Inc. and US West

Communications, Inc. be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment 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 5th day of April, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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