BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On March 3, 2000, KMC Telecom IV, Inc. (KMC), Bedminster, New Jersey, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West), Denver, Colorado, filed a joint application requesting authority to invoke Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act)to utilize the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest (AT&T) and US West. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 7,2000. No

<u>Record</u>, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 7,2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

KMC obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-2214 on March 28, 2000. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. KMC wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with US West and accordingly seeks to adopt the AT&T/US West interconnection agreement. The AT&T/US West agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1385 and became effective August 8, 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 Section 252(i) request. KMC has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2240 be, and it is hereby, approved and KMC Telecom IV is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US West Communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that KMC Telecom IV, Inc.'s adoption of the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US

West Communications, Inc. became effective April 13, 2000.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of April, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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