

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2274
of Metro Communications, Inc. of)
Omaha, and US West Communications,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Inc. of Denver, Colorado, seeking) APPROVED
approval of their interconnection)
agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C.)
Section 252(i).) Entered: June 20, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 17, 2000, a joint application was filed by Metro Communications, Inc. (Metro) of Omaha, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of interconnection pursuant to 47 USC Section 252(i). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 20, 2000. On April 27, 2000, Metro supplemented its application with notice of its authority by the FCC to provide wireless services, and its intent to provide wireless service only. Notice of the application was republished in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 2, 2000. A motion by US West to withdraw the joint application or alternatively to request mediation was filed with this Commission on May 10, 2000. On May 19, 2000, oral argument on the US West motion was heard in the Commission Hearing Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Upon review of the evidence presented in oral argument, this Commission granted US West's motion alternatively requesting mediation and ordered that the mediation be completed expeditiously. On June 12, 2000, Metro, through its undersigned counsel, filed a Motion for Clarification, which was granted by this Commission on June 14, 2000. On June 16, 2000, this Commission received information that the parties mutually agreed that the AT&T/US West Interconnection agreement should be adopted by Metro, by way of Section 252(i).

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

Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows any telecommunications carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. Metro wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with US West and accordingly seeks to adopt the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc./US West interconnection agreement. The AT&T/US West agreement was approved by the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1385 and became effective on 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. Metro has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

Upon review and consideration of all of the evidence presented, this Commission finds that the original joint application submitted by the parties should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2274 be, and it is hereby, approved and Metro Communications Inc. is authorized to adopt the AT&T/US West interconnection agreement with US West.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of the AT&T/US West agreement by Metro and US West became effective June 20, 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 20th day of June, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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