

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Application No. C-2281
Application of FirstTel, Inc.,)	
Dallas, Texas, and US West)	INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Communications Inc., Denver, Colo-)	APPROVED
rado, seeking approval of)	
their interconnection agreement)	
pursuant to 47 USC §252(i).)	Entered: May 2, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 20, 2000, FirstTel, Inc. (FirstTel) of Dallas, Texas, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of 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 April 25, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

FirstTel obtained a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange service from the Commission pursuant to Application No. C-1380 on April 17, 1997, and received authority to provide resold intrastate interexchange services on February 8, 1994, in Application No. C-1029. Section 252(i) of the Act allows a certificated local exchange carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. FirstTel 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. FirstTel has followed the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2281 be, and it is hereby, approved and FirsTel, Inc. is authorized to adopt the arbitrated agreement between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and US West Communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that FirstTel, Inc.'s adoption of the arbitrated agreement

between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc.
and US West Communications, Inc. became effective April 30, 2000.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of May,
2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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