## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2282

Application of New Edge Network, )

Inc., dba New Edge Networks of )

Vancouver, Washington, and GTE Mid-) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

West Incorporated of Grinnell, )

Iowa, seeking approval of their ) APPROVED

voluntarily-negotiated interconnection resale and unbundling )

agreement. ) Entered: May 24, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 21, 2000, a joint application was filed by New Edge Network, Inc., dba New Edge Networks (New Edge) of Vancouver, Washington, and GTE

Midwest Incorporated (GTE) of Grinnell, Iowa, seeking approval of their voluntarily-negotiated interconnection, resale and unbundling agreement. Notice of the application was published in <a href="mailto:The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 25, 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), New Edge and GTE entered into an interconnection 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 April 21, 2000, should be approved.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between New Edge Network, Inc., dba New Edge Networks and GTE Midwest Incorporated be, and it is hereby, approved.

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.

 ${\tt MADE}$  AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of May, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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