BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND FINDINGS

On April 26, 2000, a joint application was filed by United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint of Overland Park, Kansas, and Compass Telecommunications, Inc. (Compass) of Scottsdale, Arizona, seeking approval of their voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 28, 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), Sprint and Compass 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 26, 2000, should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint, and Compass Telecommunications, Inc. 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 31st day of May, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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