

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2305
of NewPath Holdings, Inc. of)
Des Moines, Iowa, and US West) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Communications, Inc. of Denver,) APPROVED
Colorado, seeking approval of)
their interconnection agreement)
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).) Entered: June 6, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On May 22, 2000, a joint application was filed by NewPath Holdings, Inc. (NewPath) of Des Moines, Iowa, and US West Communications, Inc. (US West) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of their interconnection agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 23, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows any telecommunications carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. NewPath wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with US West and accordingly seeks to adopt the New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a/ New Edge Networks/US West interconnection agreement. The New Edge/US West agreement was approved by the Commission on January 4, 2000, pursuant to Application No. C-2165.

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. NewPath and US West have complied with 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-2305 be, and it is hereby, approved and NewPath Holdings, Inc. is authorized to adopt the New Edge/US West interconnection agreement with US West.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of the New Edge/US West agreement by NewPath and US West became effective June 1, 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 6th day of June, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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