

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2311
of Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a)
ALLTEL of Lincoln, seeking)
approval of extension of existing) AGREEMENT APPROVED
interconnection agreement with)
GTE Midwest Incorporated, pursuant)
to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).) Entered: October 12, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On June 2, 2000, an application was filed by Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL of Lincoln (Aliant Midwest), seeking approval of an extension of an existing interconnection agreement between ALLTEL and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 5, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

In an order entered in Application No. C-1400, dated April 14, 1997, the Commission approved an arbitrated interconnection agreement between GTE and AT&T. The GTE/AT&T agreement became effective by Commission order on May 29, 1997 (see June 4, 1997 order).

In Application No. C-2099, Aliant Midwest and GTE invoked Section 252(i) of the Act to adopt the terms and conditions of the GTE/AT&T agreement. The Commission approved the adoption in an order dated August 24, 1999, and the agreement became effective between Aliant Midwest and GTE on August 11, 1999.

In the current application, Aliant Midwest requests an extension of its agreement with GTE. Aliant Midwest recites that because the underlying GTE/AT&T agreement terminated on May 29, 2000, the Aliant Midwest/GTE agreement also terminated on that day. The Commission accepts this recital without expressly finding as such. The current application not only extends the previous agreement past the termination date, but also makes minor changes to the terms and conditions of the original agreement. Therefore, we view this application as a request for approval of an interim interconnection agreement.

The Commission finds, in accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, that neither the interim agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the interim agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. The agreement should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2311 be, and it is hereby, approved.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of October, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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