## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-2353 of The Blair Telephone Company ) of Blair, seeking approval of a ) voluntarily-negotiated reciprocal ) AGREEMENT APPROVED transport and termination agree- ) ment with ALLTEL of Little Rock, ) Arkansas. ) Entered: August 29, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

On July 19, 2000, an application was filed by The Blair Telephone Company (Blair) of Blair, seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated reciprocal transport and termination agreement with Aliant

Communications, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL of Little Rock, Arkansas. Notice of the application was published in <a href="The Daily Record">The Daily Record</a>, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 21, 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), Blair and ALLTEL entered into an agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily-negotiated 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 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 agreement filed July 19, 2000, should be approved.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated reciprocal transport and termination agreement between The Blair Telephone Company and Aliant Communications, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed 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 29th day of August, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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