

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Ap-) Application No. C-2358
plication of McLeodUSA Telecommu-)
nications Services, Inc. of)
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and US West) AMENDMENTS APPROVED
Communications, Inc. of Denver,)
Colorado, seeking approval of)
the first and second amendments)
to their interconnection agreement.) Entered: August 29, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 24, 2000, a joint application was filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and US West Communications, Inc. of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of the first and second amendments to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 26, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), McLeodUSA and US West entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on April 14, 1999, in Application No. C-2023. In the current application, McLeodUSA and US West seek to amend the original agreement by replacing language relating to reciprocal compensation and unbundled network elements. An executed copy of each amendment is contained within the application.

The amendments do not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendments 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 amendments filed July 24, 2000, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the first and second amendments to the interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and US West Communications, Inc. be, and they are

hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendments filed herein be, and they are hereby, made the official copies 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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