

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Ap-) Application No. C-2374
plication of Qwest Corporation,)
f/k/a US West Communications,)
Inc. of Denver, Colorado, and) AMENDMENT APPROVED
Aliant Midwest, Inc. of Lincoln,)
seeking approval of Amendment No.)
8 to their interconnection agree-)
ment.) Entered: October 3, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On August 30, 2000, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications, Inc. of Denver, Colorado, and Aliant Midwest, Inc. of Lincoln, seeking approval of Amendment No. 8 to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 31, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On June 16, 1997, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest (then known as US West) and Aliant Midwest became effective. In the current application, Qwest and Aliant Midwest seek to amend certain terms of the original agreement related to DS-3 capable loops and dark fiber. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment 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 amendment filed August 30, 2000, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 8 to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications, Inc., and Aliant Midwest, Inc. be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment 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 3rd day of October, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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