

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2381
Application of Citizens Tele-)
communications Company of)
Nebraska of Mound, Minnesota,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a) APPROVED
ALLTEL, seeking approval of)
interconnection agreement)
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 August 30, 2000, a joint application was filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) of Mound, Minnesota, and Aliant Midwest Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL, seeking approval of an interconnection agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 1, 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), Citizens and Aliant Midwest entered into an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement is contained within the application. The executed agreement replaces all previous agreements between Aliant Midwest and Citizens, the successor to GTE Midwest Incorporated (see Application No. C-2380).

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 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 interconnection agreement filed August 30, 2000, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily negotiated interconnection agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska and Aliant Midwest, Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL be, and it is hereby, approved.

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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the agreement became effective
August 11, 2000.

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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