

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Joint Ap- |) | Application No. C-2383 |
| plication of Qwest Corporation, |) | |
| f/k/a US West Communications, |) | |
| Inc. of Denver, Colorado, and |) | AMENDMENT APPROVED |
| Firstel, Inc. of Sioux Falls, |) | |
| South Dakota, seeking approval of |) | |
| Amendment No. 1 to their pre- |) | |
| viously filed interconnection |) | |
| agreement. |) | Entered: October 18, 2000 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On August 31, 2000, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications, Inc. (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Firstel, Inc. (Firstel) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of Amendment No. 1 to their previously filed interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 4, 2000. No protests were filed, therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On January 2, 1998, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest (then known as US West) and Firstel became effective. In the current application, Qwest and Firstel seek to amend the original agreement in order to add certain terms, conditions and rates for Unbundled Network Element Combinations, Customized Routing and Shared Interoffice Transport. The proposed amendment also deletes Section 10.3 pertaining to Customized Routing, and replaces it with new language in Section 2.

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. 1 to the previously filed interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications, Inc., and Firstel 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 18th day of October, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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