

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2404  
Application of Citizens Tele- )  
communications Company of )  
Nebraska of Mound, Minnesota, )  
seeking approval of assignment ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
and modification of interconnection ) APPROVED  
agreement between GTE Midwest )  
Incorporated and Aliant Cellular )  
Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL, pursuant to 47 )  
USC § 252(e). ) Entered: November 21, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On October 12, 2000, an application was filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) of Mound, Minnesota, seeking approval of the assignment and modification of an interconnection agreement between GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE) and Aliant Cellular Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL (Cellular), pursuant to 47 USC § 252(e). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 13, 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), and with Commission approval in C-1569, Cellular adopted the arbitrated interconnection agreement between GTE and Western Wireless. An executed copy of that interconnection agreement is on file with the Commission. The parties seek the assignment and modification of that existing interconnection agreement until a new interconnection agreement can be negotiated between Citizens and Cellular.

In support of its application, Citizens states that the modification and extension of the existing interconnection agreement between GTE and Cellular is necessitated by the sale of GTE's Nebraska exchanges to the applicant. The original agreement signed by Citizens, GTE and Cellular modifying and assigning the existing interconnection agreement was filed with the application.

Neither 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 October 12, 2000, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the assignment and modification interconnection, resale and unbundling agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, GTE Midwest Incorporated and Aliant Cellular Inc., d/b/a ALLTEL, should 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.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 21st day of November, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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