

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-2425  
of Community Internet Systems,        )  
Inc. of Columbus, seeking            )  
approval of an interconnection        ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
agreement with Citizens Tele-         ) APPROVED  
communications Company of             )  
Nebraska pursuant to 47 U.S.C.        )  
§ 252(i).                               ) Entered: December 12, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On November 27, 2000, an application was filed by Community Internet Systems, Inc. (CIS) of Columbus, seeking approval of an interconnection agreement with Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(i). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 28, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 allows any telecommunications carrier to adopt a Commission-approved interconnection agreement. CIS wishes to establish an interconnection agreement with Citizens and accordingly seeks to adopt the Citizens/New Edge Network interconnection agreement. The Citizens/New Edge Network agreement was approved by the Commission on May 24, 2000, pursuant to Application No. C-2282, and was later amended in Application Nos. C-2340 and C-2378.

On May 28, 1997, the Commission added language to its mediation/arbitration policy (see Application No. C-1128, Progression Order No. 3) which sets forth the procedures to be followed for a Section 252(i) request. CIS has complied with the procedures required by the Commission's policy.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2425 be, and it is hereby, approved and the adoption of the Citizens/New Edge Network interconnection agreement between Community Internet Systems, Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska is authorized.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adoption of the Citizens/New Edge Networks agreement between CIS and Citizens became effective December 8, 2000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that an executed agreement reflecting CIS and Citizens as the parties to the agreement be filed with the Commission within thirty days of the date of this order.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of December, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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