

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application No. C-2501
Application of Qwest Corporation
of Denver, Colorado, and New Edge Network, Inc. of Vancouver, Washington, seeking approval of
Amendment No. 5 to their existing interconnection agreement.) Entered: May 1, 2001
AMENDMENT APPROVED) their

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On March 21, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and New Edge Network, Inc. (New Edge) of Vancouver, Washington, seeking approval of Amendment No. 5 to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on March 23, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On January 4, 2000, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest and New Edge was approved by this Commission, pursuant to Application No. C-2165. On January 23, 2001, pursuant to Application No. C-2451, the Commission approved Amendment No. 1 to the agreement. On January 9, 2001, pursuant to Application No. C-2439, the Commission approved Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 to the agreement. Qwest and New Edge negotiated but did not ultimately agree upon Amendment No. 4 to the agreement; therefore, Amendment No. 4 will not be presented for Commission approval. In the current application, Qwest and New Edge seek approval of what has been labeled Amendment No. 5 to their agreement. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment at issue 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 Telecommunications Act of 1996 (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 should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 5 to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and New Edge Network, 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 1st day of May, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director