

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2511
Application of Qwest Corporation
of Denver, Colorado and New Path
Holdings, Inc. of Des Moines,) AMENDMENT APPROVED
Iowa, seeking approval of)
Amendment No. 1 to their)
interconnection agreement.) Entered: May 8, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 3, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and New Path Holdings, Inc. (New Path) of Des Moines, Iowa, seeking approval of Amendment No. 1 to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 5, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On June 6, 2000, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest (then known as US West) and New Path was approved by this Commission, pursuant to Application No. C-2305. On January 9, 2001, the Commission approved an amendment to the agreement (see Application No. C-2437). In the present application, New Path and Qwest seek to once again amend their agreement. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

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 should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 1 to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and New Path Holdings, 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 8th day of May, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director