

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint	)	Application No. C-2567
Application of Qwest Corporation	)	
of Denver, Colorado, and Ciera	)	
Network Systems, Inc. of Houston,	)	GRANTED
Texas, seeking approval of a	)	
voluntarily-negotiated	)	
interconnection agreement.	)	Entered: August 21, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On July 13, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Ciera Network Systems, Inc. (Ciera) of Houston, Texas, seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of this application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 17, 2001.

No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Ciera entered into an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the 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 July 13, 2001, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between Qwest Communications and Ciera Network Systems Inc. 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 August,  
2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director