

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2573
Application of Northeast Nebraska)
Telephone Company, NebCom, Inc.,)
Qwest Corporation and CenCom, Inc.,)
dba NNLC Long Distance, seeking)
approval of discontinuance of)
intraLATA interexchange service by) GRANTED
Qwest Corporation to the Northeast)
Nebraska Telephone Company and)
NebCom, Inc. exchanges and the)
designation of CenCom, Inc., dba)
NNLC Long Distance as the intraLATA)
carrier of last resort for the)
Northeast Nebraska Telephone)
Company and NebCom, Inc. exchanges.) Entered: October 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 2, 2001, a joint application was filed by Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (Northeast); NebCom, Inc. (NebCom); Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and CenCom, Inc., dba NNTC Long Distance (NNTC) seeking approval of discontinuance of intraLATA interexchange service by Qwest Corporation to the Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company and NebCom, Inc. exchanges and the designation of CenCom, Inc. dba NNTC Long Distance as the intraLATA carrier of last resort for the Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company and NebCom, Inc. exchanges. Notice of this application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 3, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Northeast and NebCom are the local exchange carriers serving the Northeast and NebCom exchanges. Qwest is an intraLATA long distance carrier that has and is currently providing 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges. NNTC Long Distance is an intraLATA long distance carrier certified by the Commission. NNTC Long Distance desires to provide 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges.

In the fall and winter of 1998, customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges were notified by mail that if they did not select a specific long distance carrier from the list of available carriers presented to them, their intraLATA long distance service would be provided by Qwest. Qwest did not appear as an available carrier on the list sent to customers.

Northeast, NebCom and Qwest agree upon approval of this application by the Commission that Qwest will discontinue long distance service to the Northeast and NebCom exchanges. In addition, Northeast and NebCom agree that NNTC Long Distance will provide 1+ intraLATA interexchange service to customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges who have not selected a specific intraLATA carrier.

Upon approval of the Application by the Commission, NNTC will give written notice to the long distance customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges advising them of the option to select another long distance carrier. Customers who are transferred to NNTC will have 90 days to change to another carrier without incurring a PIC charge.

No service charge will be incurred in changing intraLATA interexchange service from Qwest to NNTC Long Distance for customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges who did not select a specific carrier. Consequently, no reimbursement is due to any customer or any telecommunications company for the change in service.

NNTC is technically and financially capable of providing intraLATA interexchange service as the carrier of last resort to the customers in the Northeast and NebCom exchanges.

Upon consideration of the application and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

It IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Application No. C-2573 be, and is hereby granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Qwest Corporation discontinue intraLATA interexchange service to the Northeast and NebCom exchanges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NNTC Long Distance be designated as the intraLATA interexchange carrier of last resort to the customers of the Northeast and NebCom exchanges.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of October,
2001.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director