

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Application No. C-2583
Application of Qwest Corporation)	
of Denver, Colorado and Essex)	
Communications Inc., dba eLEC)	GRANTED
Communications of New Rochelle,)	
New York, seeking approval of a)	
voluntarily-negotiated)	
interconnection agreement.)	Entered: October 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 24, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado and Essex Communications Inc., dba eLEC Communications (Essex) of New Rochelle, New York seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement. Notice of this application appeared in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on August 27, 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 Essex 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 August 24, 2001, should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between Qwest Communications and Essex Communications, Inc., dba eLEC Communications 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 4th day of October,
2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director