

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2631  
Application of Qwest Corporation )  
of Denver, Colorado, and Now )  
Communications of Lawrenceville, ) GRANTED  
Georgia, seeking approval of a )  
voluntarily-negotiated resale )  
interconnection agreement. ) Entered: February 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On November 15, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado and Now Communications (Now) of Lawrenceville, Georgia, seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated resale interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 16, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Now was granted authority by this Commission to conduct business as a competitive local exchange carrier on June 29, 2000, pursuant to Application No. C-2232. Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Now 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 November 15, 2001, should be approved.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated resale interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Now 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 5th day of February, 2002.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director