

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2641
Application of United Telephone)
Company of the West, dba Sprint)
of Overland Park, Kansas, and)
Airwave Wireless Communications,) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
Inc., d/b/a Panhandle Networx of) APPROVED
Scottsbluff, Nebraska, seeking)
approval of a voluntarily-)
negotiated master interconnection)
and resale agreement.) Entered: January 29, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On December 13, 2001, a joint application was filed by United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint (Sprint) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Airwave Wireless Communications, Inc., d/b/a Panhandle Networx (Airwave) of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated master interconnection and resale agreement.

Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 14, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's rule of modified procedure.

Airwave was granted authority to operate a competitive local exchange carrier on August 19, 1999, pursuant to Application No. C-2107. Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Sprint and Airwave 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 should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated resale agreement between United Telephone Company of the West, dba Sprint and Airwave Wireless Communications, Inc., d/b/a Panhandle Networx, 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 29th day of January, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director