

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-2643  
of Citizens Telecommunications     )  
Company of Nebraska of     )  
Burnsville, Minnesota, and Western     )  
Wireless of Bellevue, Washington,     ) GRANTED  
seeking approval of Amendment     )  
No. 1 to their interconnection and     )  
traffic interexchange agreement     )  
for cellular and other 2-way radio     )  
services agreement.     ) Entered January 29, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On December 19, 2001, an application was filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) of Burnsville, Minnesota, and Western Wireless (Western) of Bellevue, Washington, seeking approval of Amendment No. 1 to their interconnection and traffic interexchange agreement for cellular and other 2-way radio services agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 21, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(I) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Citizens and Western entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on September 6, 1996, in Application No. C-1410. In the current application, Citizens and Western seek an amendment by adding Kearney, Nebraska, to the service agreement. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment 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 amendment filed December 19, 2001, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 1 to the interconnection agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska and Western Wireless be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment 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