

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2651
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)
Colorado, and Cellco)
Partnership/Verizon of Walnut)
Creek, California, jointly) GRANTED
seeking an amendment to their)
interconnection agreement for)
the state of Nebraska (Applica-)
tion No. C-1608).) Entered: February 20, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 7, 2002, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and CellcoPartnership/Verizon (Verizon) of Walnut Creek, California, seeking approval of an amendment to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 9, 2002. 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), Qwest and Verizon entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on January 6, 1998, in Application No. C-1608. In the current application, Qwest and Verizon seek to amend the original agreement to implement the requirements of a Federal Communications Commission order in Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68 regarding inter-carrier compensation for Internet service provider-bound traffic.

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 January 7, 2002, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and CellcoPartnership/Verizon, 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 20th day of February, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director