

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2813
Application of United Telephone)
Company of the West, d/b/a/)
Sprint, of Overland Park,)
Kansas, and Budget Phone, Inc.) GRANTED
of Shreveport, Louisiana,)
seeking approval of their master)
interconnection and resale)
agreement.) Entered: October 29, 2002

BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

On September 19, 2002, an application was filed by United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a/ Sprint (Sprint), of Overland Park, Kansas, and Budget Phone, Inc. (Budget) of Shreveport, Louisiana, seeking approval of their master interconnection and resale agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 24, 2002. 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), Sprint and Budget entered into a master inter-connection and resale agreement. An executed copy of this 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 master interconnection and resale agreement should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the master interconnection and resale agreement between United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint, and Budget Phone, Inc., be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed interconnection and resale 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 October, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director