

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2858
of Citizens Telecommunications)
Company of Nebraska of Mound,)
Minnesota, and Level 3 Communi-) GRANTED
cations, L.L.C. of McLean, Vir-)
ginia, seeking approval of an)
interconnection agreement.) Entered: February 4, 2003

BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

On January 2, 2003, an application was filed by Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) of Mound, Minnesota, and Level 3 Communications, L.L.C. (Level 3) of McLean, Virginia, seeking approval of an interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 3, 2003. 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), Citizens and Level 3 entered into a negotiated interconnection 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 negotiated interconnection agreement should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the interconnection agreement between Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska and Level 3 Communications L.L.C., 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 4th day of
February, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director