

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3400
of Qwest Corporation, Denver,)
Colorado, Filing Under Protest)
of the Commercial Agreement with)
Ionex Communications North, Inc.) APPROVED
fka Advanced Communications)
Group and Firstel, Inc.,)
Addison, Texas for the Provision)
Qwest Platform Plus Service)
(QPP).) Entered: June 7, 2005

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On April 1, 2005, an application was filed, under protest, by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), Denver, Colorado, and Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex)(fka Advanced Communications Group and Firstel, Inc.), Addison, Texas, for their Commercial Qwest Platform Plus Services Agreement (QPP). Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 6, 2005.

Qwest's filing of the Commercial QPP Agreement under protest is the result of the order entered by the Commission on January 4, 2005 in Application C-3255. Qwest objects to the Commission's conclusion that Commercial QPP agreements fall within the Commission's jurisdiction, however, reserving its rights, agreed to file the agreement with the Commission.

Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Ionex entered into a wireline interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of this agreement is contained within the application.

The agreement does not discriminate 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 agreement filed should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the application filed under protest for the Commercial Qwest Platform Plus Service Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Ionex Communications North, Inc., be, and is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed agreement filed herein be, and is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 7th day of June, 2005.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director