

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3401
of Qwest Corporation, Denver,)
Colorado, seeking an amendment to)
the Interconnection Agreement for)
the Elimination of UNE-P and)
Implementation of Hot Cut Process) APPROVED
and Discounts with Ionex)
Communications North, Inc. fka)
Advanced Communications Group and)
Firstel, Inc. Addison, Texas,)
previously in Docket No. C-2281.) Entered: May 24, 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, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, filed an application seeking an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement for the Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Hot Cut Process and Discounts with Ionex Communications North, Inc. fka Advanced Communications Group and Firstel, Inc. of Addison, Texas, previously approved in Docket No. C-2281. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on April 14, 2005. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On May 2, 2000, pursuant to Application C-2281, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest and Ionex Communications was approved by this Commission. In the current application, Qwest seeks an amendment to the Interconnection Agreement for the Elimination of UNE-P and Implementation of Hot Cut Process and Discounts. An executed copy of the interim amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. 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 April 1, 2005, 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 Ionex Communications North, Inc. fka Advanced Communications Group and Firstel, Inc., 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 24th day of May, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director