

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-3571
of Qwest Corporation, Denver,)	
Colorado, seeking arbitration)	
and approval of an)	
interconnection agreement, made)	
pursuant to the FCC T-Mobile)	
Order, with Total Telepage,)	
North Platte; Heartland)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR
Communications, Crystal Lake,)	EXTENSION
Illinois; Midland Telecom, Inc.)	
d/b/a KHN Communications, Grand)	
Island; Mid Nebraska Telephone)	
aka Mid Neb Telecom, Grand)	
Island; and Priority Paging, Key)	Entered: April 11, 2006
Biscayne, Florida.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 17, 2006, an application was filed with the Public Service Commission (Commission) by Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, (Qwest) seeking arbitration and approval of an interconnection agreement with Total Telepage, North Platte; Heartland Communications, Crystal Lake, Illinois; Midland Telecom, Inc. d/b/a KHN Communications, Grand Island; Mid Nebraska Telephone aka Mid Neb Telecom, Grand Island; and Priority Paging, Key Biscayne, Florida (Respondents).

Commission arbitration policy sets a deadline for the parties to choose an arbitrator of fifteen (15) days after receipt of the petition by the Commission. Accordingly, the deadline was established as April 7, 2006. On April 7, 2006, Qwest filed an extension request with the Commission to extend the deadline to choose the arbitrator. Counsel for the Respondents has not been identified at this time nor have they entered an appearance in this matter. Respondents have until April 27, 2006, to respond to the petition filed by Qwest in this docket.

We find that Qwest's request for an extension of time to choose an arbitrator in this docket should be granted. Therefore, we find the parties have until **May 9, 2006**, to select an arbitrator and inform the Commission of the selection. Further, if the parties fail to reach agreement on selection of an arbitrator by the deadline, in order to expedite matters, the Commission will make the selection of the arbitrator in this matter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the request by Qwest for an extension of the deadline to choose an arbitrator be and is hereby extended to May 9, 2006.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the parties fail to select an arbitrator by the deadline set in this order, the Commission will select the arbitrator.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 11th day of April, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director