

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-3970
of United Telephone Company of)
the West d/b/a Embarq, Overland)
Park, Kansas, seeking approval)
of an Interconnection,) APPROVED
Collocation and Resale Agreement)
with Granite Telecommunications,)
LLC, Quincy, Massachusetts.) Entered: December 2, 2008

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On October 8, 2008, an application was filed by United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a Embarq (Embarq), of Overland Park, Kansas, seeking approval of an Interconnection, Collocation and Resale Agreement with Granite Telecommunications LLC (Granite), of Quincy, Massachusetts. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 10, 2008. 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), Embarq and Granite entered into an Interconnection Agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of this agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier. Furthermore, the implementation of the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(f) of the Act requires this Commission to review interconnection agreements adopted by negotiation or arbitration to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as, all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the 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 United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a Embarq and Granite Telecommunications, LLC, 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 2nd day of
December, 2008.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Director

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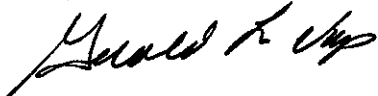
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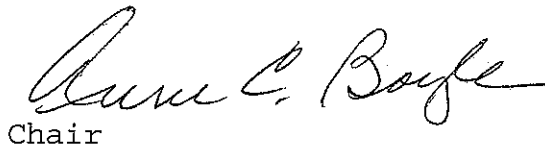
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//s// Anne C. Boyle
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