

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. C-4728
Application of Windstream)	
Nebraska, Inc., Little Rock,)	
Arkansas, seeking approval of)	APPROVED
an Interconnection Agreement)	
with Ionex North d/b/a Birch)	
Communications, Kansas City,)	
Missouri.)	Entered: January 13, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed November 21, 2014, Windstream Nebraska, Inc. (Windstream) of Little Rock, Arkansas, seeks approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Ionex North d/b/a Birch Communications ("Birch"), Kansas City, Missouri. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 25, 2014. 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), Windstream and Birch 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(e) 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 Windstream Nebraska, Inc., and Ionex North d/b/a Birch Communications 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 13th day of January, 2015.

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