

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the)	Application No. C-4742
Application of United)	
Telephone Company of the West)	
d/b/a CenturyLink, Denver,)	
Colorado, seeking approval of)	APPROVED
an Interconnection Agreement)	
with Ionex Communications of)	
the North, Inc. d/b/a Birch)	
Communications, Kansas City,)	
Missouri.)	Entered: March 24, 2015

BY THE COMMISSION:

By application filed February 9, 2015, United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) of Denver, Colorado, seeks approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Ionex Communications of the North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications (Birch), of Kansas City, Missouri. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 12, 2015. 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), CenturyLink 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.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Interconnection Agreement between United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink, and Ionex Communications of the North, Inc. 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 24th day of March, 2015.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Gerald Vap

Frank E. Landis

ATTEST:

//s//Frank E. Landis
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