

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Ap-) Application No. C-2340
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tions Company of Nebraska of)
Stamford, Connecticut, and New)
Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New) AMENDMENT APPROVED
Edge Networks of Vancouver,)
Washington, seeking approval of)
an amendment to their existing)
interconnection agreement.) Entered: August 29, 2000

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 6, 2000, a joint application was filed by Citizens Communications Company of Nebraska (Citizens) of Stamford, Connecticut, and New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge) of Vancouver, Washington, seeking approval of an amendment to their existing interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 7, 2000. 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), New Edge and GTE Midwest Incorporated entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on May 24, 2000, in Application No. C-2282. Subsequently, Citizens became a party to the agreement upon consummation of the sale of GTE's local exchanges and associated assets to Citizens (see Application No. C-2148). In the current application, Citizens and New Edge seek to amend the original agreement by replacing language relating to line sharing. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. 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 July 6, 2000, 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 Citizens Communications Company of Nebraska and New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Networks 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 29th day of August, 2000.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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