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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2625  
Application of Qwest Corporation )  
of Denver, Colorado, and Cox )  
Nebraska Telecom, L.L.C. of )  
Omaha, Nebraska, seeking approval ) AMENDMENT GRANTED  
of an amendment to their )  
interconnection agreement )  
regarding enhanced extended loop. ) Entered December 4, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On October 29, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado and Cox Nebraska Telecom, L.L.C. (Cox) of Omaha, Nebraska, seeking approval of an amendment to their interconnection agreement regarding enhances extended loop. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on October 31, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Cox was granted competitive local exchange carrier authority on December 10, 1996, pursuant to Application No. C-1359. Pursuant to Section 252(I) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Cox entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on July 15, 1997, in Application No. C-1473. In the current application, Qwest and Cox seek to amend the original agreement to include an amendment for enhanced extended loop. 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 October 29, 2001, 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 Qwest Corporation and Cox Nebraska Telecom, L.L.C. be, and it is hereby, approved.

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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 4th day of December, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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