

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2626
Application of Qwest Corporation)
of Denver, Colorado, and Airwave)
Wireless Communications Inc. of) GRANTED
Scottsbluff, Nebraska, seeking)
approval of a voluntarily-)
negotiated wireline)
interconnection agreement.) ENTERED: December 18, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On October 31, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Airwave Wireless Communications Inc. (Airwave) of Scottsbluff, Nebraska, seeking approval of a voluntarily-negotiated wireline interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on November 2, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Airwave was granted authority by this Commission to purchase the assets and certificates of Panhandle Networx, L.L.C. (Panhandle) on July 11, 2001, pursuant to Application No. C-2446. Panhandle was authorized by this Commission as a competitive local exchange carrier pursuant to Application No. C-2107, granted on October 19, 1999. Pursuant to Section 252(a) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Airwave entered into an interconnection agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. 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 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 interconnection agreement filed October 31, 2001, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the voluntarily-negotiated interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Airwave Wireless Communications, Inc. 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 18th day of December, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE

COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director