

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint ) Application No. C-2649  
Application of Qwest Corporation )  
of Denver, Colorado and VarTec )  
Telecom of Dallas, Texas, )  
seeking approval of the )  
Statement of Generally Available )  
Terms and Conditions for ) GRANTED  
interconnection for unbundled )  
network elements, ancillary )  
services and resale of )  
telecommunications services for )  
the State of Nebraska. ) Entered: March 5, 2002

BEFORE THE COMMISSION:

On January 3, 2002, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Vartec Telecom (VarTec) of Dallas, Texas, seeking approval of the Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) and Conditions for interconnection for unbundled network elements, ancillary services and resale of telecommunications services for the State of Nebraska. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 9, 2002. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's rule of modified procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(f) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Vartec entered into a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) for interconnection, unbundled network elements, ancillary services and resale services. An executed copy of this 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 SGAT agreement should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the SGAT agreement between Qwest Corporation and VarTec Telecom Inc., be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed SGAT 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 5th day of March 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director