

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. C-2815  
of Qwest Corporation of Denver, )  
Colorado, and Ionex Communica- )  
tions North, Inc. of Addison, )  
Texas, jointly seeking approval ) GRANTED  
of their amendment to the wire- )  
line interconnection agreement )  
previously approved in )  
Application No. C-2281. ) Entered: October 29, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On September 20, 2002, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Ionex Communications North, Inc. (Ionex) of Addison, Texas, seeking approval of their amendment to the wireline interconnection agreement previously approved in Application No. C-2281. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 25, 2002. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and Ionex entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on May 2, 2000, in Application No. C-2281. In the current application, Qwest and Ionex seek to amend the original agreement to reflect the utilization of a Bill and Keep Mechanism.

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 September 20, 2002, 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 Ionex Communications North, Inc., 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 October, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director