

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2888
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)
Colorado, and Central Nebraska)
Telephone & Equipment, Inc. of)
Holdrege, Nebraska, seeking) GRANTED
approval of an amendment to an)
interconnection agreement)
previously approved in)
Application No. C-2201.) Entered: April 1, 2003

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On February 20, 2003, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and Central Nebraska Telephone & Equipment, Inc. (Central) of Holdrege, Nebraska, seeking approval of an amendment to an interconnection agreement previously approved in Application No. C-2201. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on February 25, 2003. 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), Qwest and Central entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on February 23, 2000, in Application No. C-2201. In the current application, Qwest and Central seek to amend the original agreement by terminating the interconnection agreement.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. 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 February 20, 2003, 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 Central Nebraska Telephone & Equipment, 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 1st day of April, 2003.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director