BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Qwest Corporation, Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications, Kansas City, Missouri.	)	Application No. C-4185 APPROVED Entered: August 4, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On June 22, 2009, an application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest), of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications (Ionex), Kansas City, Missouri. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on June 24, 2009. 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 Ionex entered into an Interconnection Service Agreement arrived at through voluntary negotiations. An executed copy of this agreement is contained within the application.

Neither the agreement nor any portion thereof discriminates against any telecommunications carrier. 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 interconnection agreements adopted by negotiation or arbitration 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 should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Communications and Ionex Communications North, Inc. d/b/a Birch Communications, 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.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of August, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis

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