

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the acquisition) Application No. C-2124
from US West Communications, Inc.)
of certain telephone exchanges) STIPULATION
by Citizens Telecommunications)
Company of Nebraska.)

The Nebraska Universal Service Fund Director (hereinafter, the NUSF Director) and Communications Department Director (hereinafter, the Communications Director) of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the Commission), AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and AT&T Local Services (hereinafter, AT&T) and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska (hereinafter, Citizens) hereby jointly stipulate and agree as follows for the purpose of this application:

1. The parties enter into this stipulation for the purpose of providing the Commission with an agreed upon basis for proceeding with the consideration of

the proposed sale of certain exchanges owned by US West Communications, Inc. (US West) in the state of Nebraska, as identified in the Amended Joint Application filed herein (the Exchanges), to Citizens; the granting of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Citizens in Application No. C-2124; and confirming AT&T's intention to withdraw its protest filed herein. The parties contemplate and agree that the provisions of this stipulation shall be incorporated in the prehearing conference order in this docket (hereinafter, the order).

2. Assuming that the Commission enters the order, the parties agree to be bound by the terms of this stipulation. In the event that the Commission does not enter the order, each party reserves its rights to take such actions as may be deemed necessary or appropriate with regard to Application No. C-2124.

3. If US West and Citizens consummate the proposed acquisition of the Exchanges, and the Commission grants its approval, the Commission agrees to grant Citizens an extension of time to file its NUSF transition plan pertaining to the Exchanges until such time that the proposed acquisition of the Exchanges has been finalized and the Commission opens a docket and enters an order examining the rural/non-rural classification of Citizens. The parties agree that the Commission, on its own motion may resolve, or AT&T or Citizens may request that the Commission resolve, the rural or non-rural treatment of the Exchanges in another proceeding.

4. Until such time that such classification or treatment of the Exchanges has been finally decided by the Commission, Citizens agrees to the following:

A. Citizens agrees to abide by all terms and conditions of the Commission NUSF orders in regard to the Exchanges.

B. Citizens agrees to not increase access charges in the Exchanges.

C. Citizens agrees to not request any additional funds from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF) in excess of the amount originally requested by US West.

5. AT&T agrees to withdraw its Protest of the joint application by March 31, 2000, provided that the Order is entered by the Commission on March 28, 2000.

Dated this ___ day of March, 2000.

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