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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

ARB 238

In the Matter of the Petition of SPRINT)
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.,)
for Arbitration of Interconnection Rates,)
Terms, and Conditions with QWEST) ORDER
CORPORATION (fka U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.), Pursuant to)
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

**DISPOSITION: EXECUTED INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT APPROVED**

On November 9, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. 00-722, adopting the arbitrator’s resolution of disputed issues presented in a petition for arbitration filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act). Sprint and Qwest Corporation, formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest) (jointly, “the parties”) subsequently requested an extension of time to file an interconnection agreement. A copy of the executed interconnection agreement was filed with the Commission on January 29, 2001.

Section 252(e)(1) of the Act requires that any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. Section 252(e)(2)(B) provides that the State commission may reject an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by arbitration only “if it finds that the agreement does not meet the requirements of section 251, including the regulations prescribed by the Commission pursuant to section 251, or the standards set forth in subsection (d) of this section.”

The Commission concludes that the interconnection agreement comports with the requirements of the Act, the Federal Communications Commission rules where applicable, and relevant state law and regulations, and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the interconnection agreement filed by Sprint and Qwest on January 29, 2001, is approved, effective on the date specified in the agreement.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner