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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

ARB 163

In the Matter of the Petition for Arbitration)	
of an Interconnection Agreement between)	ORDER
AMERICAN TELEPHONE)	
TECHNOLOGY, INC., and GTE)	
NORTHWEST INCORPORATED, Pursuant)	
to 47 USC Section 252.)	

**DISPOSITION: EXECUTED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
APPROVED**

On February 29, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. 00-120 and adopted with modifications the arbitrator's resolution of issues presented in a request for Arbitration under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. On March 23, 2000, the parties filed a joint motion for a short delay in filing an executed interconnection agreement. That motion was granted in the Administrative Law Judge's Ruling of March 27, 2000.

Subsequently, the parties completed their negotiation on the specific contract language to be included in the interconnection agreement. On March 31, 2000, the parties filed a copy of the executed agreement for Commission approval.

Section 252(e)(1) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 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 the parties on March 31, 2000, is approved, effective on the date specified in the agreement.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements of OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.