

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC	DOCKET NO. NIA-99-35 (AIA-96-2)
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued January 31, 2000)

On December 14, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc., and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, f/k/a MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, Inc., filed a negotiated amendment to their arbitrated interconnection agreement for Utilities Board (Board) review pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). The amendment provides for the incumbent local exchange carrier to provide traffic reports to the competitive local exchange carrier for use in joint forecasting and planning.

The Board issued an order identifying the proceeding as Docket No. NIA-99-35 and allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to the federal statute, the Board may reject a negotiated amendment to an interconnection agreement if it finds either: (1) the agreement (or a portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the

agreement or (2) the implementation of the agreement (or a portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. 47 U.S.C.

§ 252(e)(2)(A). Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment to the arbitrated agreement does not discriminate against any other carrier and is not inconsistent with the public interest and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The negotiated amendment to their arbitrated interconnection agreement, filed on December 14, 1999, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, f/k/a MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, Inc., and reviewed by the Utilities Board in a proceeding identified as Docket No. NIA-99-35, is approved to be effective upon issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of January, 2000.