

Decision No. C04-1017

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 98T-520

RE: THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS
GROUP, INC.

**DECISION DENYING APPROVAL OF
DIRECTORY ASSISTANCE AND
OPERATOR SERVICES AGREEMENTS**

Mailed Date: August 30, 2004
Adopted Date: August 18, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission on the joint motion of Qwest Corporation, formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and Advanced Communications Group, Inc., now known as Ionex Communications North (Ionex) for approval of Directory Assistance and Operator Services Agreements (Agreements). An interconnection agreement between Ionex and Qwest was approved on December 30, 1998 in Decision No. C98-1313, and subsequently amended.

2. This motion seeks approval of terms and conditions in agreements for directory assistance and operator services dated in October of 2000. Qwest has decided to file the Agreements now because of “recent pronouncements” by the Federal Communications Commission that these types of Agreements fall within the filing requirements of 47 U.S.C. § 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).

3. Section 47 U.S.C. § 251 *et seq.* of the Act requires that the Commission review and approve or reject interconnection agreements involving incumbent local exchange carriers like Qwest. To comply with the Act, rates in negotiated agreements must be just and reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and based on the cost of providing the interconnection or network element. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). In reviewing agreements (or portions thereof) the Commission generally is guided by 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), requiring that interconnection agreements not discriminate against non-parties and be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

4. The Commission has previously approved all of the terms and conditions proposed here. The services in the Agreements have been available to competitive local exchange carriers through Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions. Nonetheless, for technical reasons, we must deny this motion without prejudice. The Commission has always assigned one docket number to each agreement filed. The separate Agreements are not amendments to the interconnection agreement approved in this docket, and should be filed under separate new docket numbers, even though they are between the same parties.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The joint motion of Qwest Corporation and Advanced Communications Group, Inc., now known as Ionex Communications North for approval of their Directory Assistance and Operator Services Agreements is denied without prejudice.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 18, 2004.**

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Commissioners