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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Commissioner - Chairman
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Commissioner

Arizona Corporation Commission

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DOCKET NO. T-01051B-99-0141

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)
FOR APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
CCCAZ DBA CONNECT.)

DECISION NO. 61656

ORDER

Open Meeting
April 19 and 20, 1999
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On March 10, 1999, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an Application for approval of an agreement for interconnection between U S WEST and CCCAZ dba. Connect (Connect).

2. The term of the agreement runs from the date of Commission approval until December 15, 1999. The parties agree to commence negotiations on a new agreement no later than six months prior to this termination date.

3. The agreement governs the terms and conditions for local interconnection, local resale, and the purchase of unbundled network elements.

4. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (1996 Act) directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provided for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary agreement. This interconnection agreement between Connect and U S WEST was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the interconnection agreement as filed by the parties on March 10, 1999 be and hereby is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

Tommy West

COMMISSIONER

Carl Hancock

COMMISSIONER

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, STUART R. BRACKNEY, Acting Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 21 day of April, 1999.

Stuart R. Brackney

STUART R. BRACKNEY
Acting Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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