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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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JIM IRVIN
Commissioner - Chairman
TONY WEST
Commissioner
CARL J. KUNASEK
Commissioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NO. T-01051B-98-0730
OF U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
FOR APPROVAL OF LOCAL WIRELINE)
NETWORK INTERCONNECTION AND) DECISION NO. 61384
SERVICE RESALE AGREEMENT WITH)
ERNEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) ORDER

Open Meeting
January 27 and 28, 1999
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 18, 1998, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an application for approval of an Agreement for local wireline network interconnection and service resale between U S WEST and Ernest Communications, Inc. (Ernest).

2. The term of the Agreement starts at the date of Commission approval and lasts for three years. The Agreement will remain in effect after this time until a new agreement becomes effective among the parties. The parties agree to commence re-negotiation one year prior to the date of contract expiration.

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.

5. This interconnection and resale agreement between Ernest and U S WEST was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

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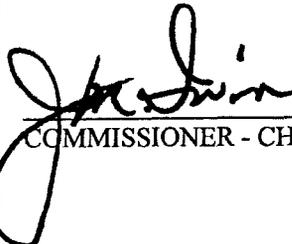
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ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the Interconnection Agreement as filed by the parties.

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

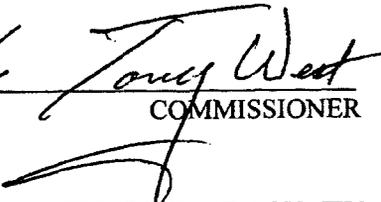
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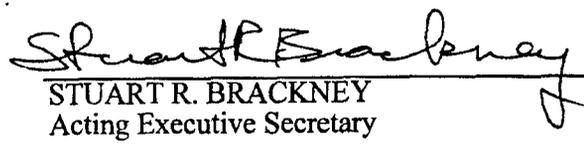


COMMISSIONER



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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 29 day of January, 1999.



STUART R. BRACKNEY
Acting Executive Secretary

DISSENT _____

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