
In the Matter of the Interconnection and) DOCKET NO. 98-2218-03
Traffic Interchange Agreement Between)
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)
COMPANY OF UTAH and CITIZENS)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY) REPORT AND ORDER
OF MONTANA and CITIZENS TELE-)
COMMUNICATION COMPANY OF)
IDAHO and COMNET CELLULAR)

ISSUED: April 20, 1998

SYNOPSIS

The parties to the Agreement which is the subject of this proceeding having submitted the same for Commission approval; and the Agreement appearing to conform to applicable Utah law and Commission Regulations; and approval of the Agreement appearing to be in the public interest, the Commission approved the Agreement.

By the Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF UTAH and its two affiliates, CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF MONTANA and CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANY OF IDAHO entered into an interconnection and traffic interchange Agreement (hereafter "the Agreement"), dated August 8, 1997, with COMNET CELLULAR. The parties filed the Agreement with the Commission March 10, 1998, for review and approval in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1)(d)(i), UCA 1953, as amended. The Administrative Law Judge, having reviewed said Agreement and having been fully advised in the matter, now enters the following Report, containing proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and the Order based thereon.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Agreement does not discriminate against any telecommunication carrier not a party to it.
2. The Agreement comports with applicable Utah law and this Commission's rules.
3. The United States Congress and the Utah Legislature having established the fostering of competition in the telecommunications industry as sound public policy, the Agreement is in the public interest, since it comports with such policy.
4. The Division of Public Utilities, Utah Department of Commerce, recommends approval of the Agreement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Agreement should be approved.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

The subject Interconnection and traffic exchange Agreement be, and it is, approved effective the date of this Order.

Any person aggrieved by this Order may petition the Commission for review within 20 days of the date of this Order. Failure so to do will forfeit the right to appeal to the Utah Supreme Court.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 20th day of April, 1998.

/s/ A. Robert Thurman

Administrative Law Judge

Approved and Confirmed this 20th day of April, 1998, as the Report and Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Stephen F. Mecham, Chairman

(SEAL) /s/ Constance B. White, Commissioner

/s/ Clark D. Jones, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard

