

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN ICC)
VOIP AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION)
DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND NEUTRAL TANDEM,)
INC.)

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

TC13-017

On February 5, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an amendment to an ICC VoIP Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Neutral Tandem, Inc. (Neutral Tandem).

On February 7, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 25, 2013, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its February 26, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem. Commission staff recommended approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the amendment to the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the amendment and the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the amendment to the interconnection agreement between CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March, 2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.
By: <u>Tina Douglas</u>
Date: <u>3-1-13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner