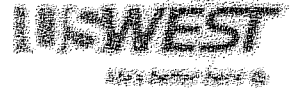


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Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Filing of Second Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Dakota Telecom, Inc. and U S WEST Communications, Inc.

Dear Mr. Bullard,

Pursuant to 20:10:32:21 of the Admin. Rules of South Dakota enclosed for filing is an original and ten (10) copies of the First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("U S WEST") and Dakota Telecom, Inc. ("DTI") for approval by the Commission. DTI and U S WEST entered into an Interconnection Agreement which was approved by the South Dakota Commission effective August 27, 1998. DTI and U S WEST now desire to amend the Interconnection Agreement to allow DTI to add Reciprocal Compensation language to the underlying agreement.

The Agreement does not discriminate against other telecommunications carriers, and the Agreement is consistent with the FCC's guidelines for negotiation and performance. Additionally, other telecommunications carriers have the option to adopt any negotiated or arbitrated agreement approved by the Commission.

The Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the state statutes of South Dakota, the Commission's rules, the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and rules of the Federal Communications Commission. Expedient approval of this Agreement will enable DTI to enter the local exchange market and provide customers with increased choices among local exchange services.



Mr. William Bullard, Jr.
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DTI has authorized U S WEST to submit this Agreement on DTI's behalf.

Very truly yours,


Alex Duarte

Enclosures

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Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement
Between
Dakota Telecom, Inc.
and
USWC Communications, Inc.
In the State of South Dakota

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

This Amendment No. 2 ("Amendment") is made and entered into by and between Dakota Telecom, Inc. ("DTI") and USWC Communications, Inc. ("USWC").

RECITALS

DTI and USWC entered into that certain Interconnection Agreement for service in the state of South Dakota which was approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on August 27, 1997 (the "Agreement"); and

DTI and USWC wish to amend the Agreement under the terms and conditions contained herein;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Amendment Terms.

This Amendment is made in order to add Reciprocal Compensation language to the Agreement.

Accordingly, Section 6, Reciprocal Traffic Exchange, to the underlying Agreement is revised to add a new sub-section 6.1.1, as follows:

- 6.1.1 Other provisions of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, for the period beginning March 1, 2000, and ending no later than December 31, 2002, neither party shall charge the other for any rate element necessary for transporting or terminating local and internet-related calls which originate and terminate in the same local calling area.

2. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the appropriate state Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution.

3. Further Amendments.

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Neither the Agreement nor this Amendment may be further amended or altered except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both parties.

The parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Dakota Telecom, Inc.

USWC Communications, Inc.

David R. Cowan

Signature

DAVID R. COWAN

Name Printed/Typed

ASST. SEC.

Title

Date

5/30/00

Elizabeth J. Stamp

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Director - Interconnect

Title

Date

06/05/00

Commission
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For the Period of July 06, 2000 through July 12, 2000

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT00-083 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by John and Brenda Forman, Pierre, South Dakota, against U S WEST Communications, Inc. and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding the Failure to Provide Telephone Service.

The complainants requested that phone line and service be moved to a new location on May 12, 2000. On this date, the complainants were informed by U S WEST that "no lines were available" at the new site and the project was in HELD order status. The complainants report they have not received any information on when the lines will be installed and service will be operational. The complainants request that U S WEST provide and follow a completion deadline date for the "facilities hold"; and McLeodUSA assist with the costs of the cellular phone bill.

Staff Analyst: Charlene Lund
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/11/00
Intervention Deadline: NA

CT00-084 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by WorldCom against U S WEST Communications, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services of Janette M. Ball.

WorldCom was named as the Respondent in CT00-068, Janette Ball vs. WorldCom. WorldCom has filed a complaint against U S WEST relating to issues within CT00-068.

Staff Analyst: Leni Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 07/11/00
Intervention Deadline: NA

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC00-110 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Second Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Dakota Telecom, Inc.

A second amendment to an interconnection agreement between Dakota Telecom, Inc. and U S WEST Communications, Inc. was filed with the Commission. The Commission approved

The original franchise agreement is effective August 28, 1998. A first amendment was filed with the Commission on June 1, 2000, and is pending Commission action. The Second Amendment added additional representation language to the original agreement.

Parties wishing to comment on the amendment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the amendment no later than July 31, 2000. Parties to the amendment may be asked to respond to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the original comments.

**South Dakota State Board of
Telecommunications
Commission**

**Notice of the Motion of the Application of IPVoice Communications, Inc. for a
Certificate of Authority to Provide Telecommunications Services, Including
Local Exchange Services, in South Dakota.**

IPVoice Communications, Inc. is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide resold and
services including long distance and interexchange telecommunications services in South
Dakota. The applicant intends to offer 1+ and 10XXXX outbound dialing; 800/888 toll-free
numbered long distance calls; Centerx and/or Centerx-like services; and digital subscriber
line (DSL) and other high-speed line services.

**South Dakota State Board of
Telecommunications
Commission**

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO)
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. AND DAKOTA TELECOM, INC.)

ORDER APPROVING
SECOND AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT

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On July 10, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of a second amendment to an interconnection agreement between Dakota Telecom, Inc. (DTI) and U S WEST. The second amendment adds reciprocal compensation language to the agreement.

On July 13, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the second amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until July 31, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed August 9, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated second amendment to the agreement between U S WEST and DTI. Commission Staff recommended its 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 second amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the second amendment and the second amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the second amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated second amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of August, 2000.

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By:	<u><i>Helene Kelso</i></u>
Date:	<u>8/17/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner

State of South Dakota

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