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January 15, 2001

William Bullard, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Filing of Amendment No. 3 to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.
Our File No. 2104.078

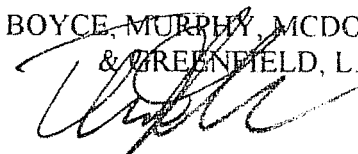
Dear Mr. Bullard:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of Amendment No. 3 to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Sprint Communications ("Sprint") for the States of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming for approval by the Commission. The Agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the negotiated interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission effective November 21, 1997 in Docket No. TC97-149. The enclosed Amendment No. 3 adds terms and conditions for Complex Firm Order Confirmation ("FOC").

Sprint has authorized Qwest to submit this Agreement on Sprint's behalf

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE, MURPHY, MCDOWELL
& GREENFIELD, L.L.P.



Thomas J. Welk

TJW/vjj
Enclosures

cc: Ken Ross (enclosure letter only)
Ms Colleen Sevoid
Ms Debi Hartl (enclosure letter only)

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**Amendment No. 3
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
Sprint Communications
for the States of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon,
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming**

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

This is Amendment No. 3 ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and Sprint Communications Company ("Sprint"), a Delaware Limited Partnership. Sprint and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Sprint and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the states of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming that was executed by Sprint on July 8, 1997 and U S WEST Communications Inc on July 17, 1997 (the "Interconnection Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement further under the terms and conditions contained herein

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms and conditions for Complex Firm Order Confirmation ("FOC"), as set forth in Attachment 1, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the appropriate state Commissions, however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, Sprint must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. Sprint will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

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.

Sprint Communications Company

W. Richard Morris
Signature

W. Richard Morris
Name Printed/Typed

Vice President External Affairs
Title Local Markets

January 2, 2001
Date

Qwest Corporation

Cynthia L. Humphrey
Signature

Cynthia L. Humphrey
Name Printed/Typed

General Manager
Title

01/04/01
Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Complex Firm Order Confirmation

Qwest will provide confirmation, via a Complex Firm Order Confirmation ("FOC") that Sprint's LSR has been received and successfully processed. The FOC will confirm the schedule of dates assigned by Qwest for the provisioning of service requested. The Complex FOC will be issued no later than seventy-two (72) hours after receipt of a complete and accurate LSR for the requested non-loaded, xDSL-I, ISDN, ADSL and DS1 unbundled Loops. If the results of the verification process show the loop to be fully functional, Qwest will provide the FOC to Sprint upon such verification. If a facility issue is identified, the standard held order process will be initiated or a new installation interval will be provided, based on the type of work needed to provision the service, e.g., conditioning.

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of January 11, 2001 through January 17, 2001

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Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this filing. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**TC01-004 In the Matter of the Application of SNIP Link, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to
Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.**

SNIP Link, LLC is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunication services in South Dakota. Initially the applicant intends to offer basic 1+ long distance services, WATS, calling card services and toll-free services through resale.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 01/11/01
Intervention Deadline: 2/01/01

**TC01-005 In the Matter of the Request for Decertification of LDM Systems, Inc. as an
Intrastate, Interexchange Carrier and for Assignment of its CLEC Authorization to
its Parent Company, RSL COM U.S.A., Inc.**

RSL COM U.S.A., Inc., the parent company of LDM Systems, Inc., requests to withdraw the interexchange Certificate of Authority granted to LDM Systems, Inc. in TC95-121 and to transfer the local Certificate of Authority granted to LDM Systems, Inc. in TC97-038 to itself. LDM Systems, Inc. will cease providing interexchange telecommunications services in the state, and the LDM Systems, Inc. current customers will continue to be served by RSL COM U.S.A., Inc. under the same rates and pursuant to the same terms and conditions of service. LDM Systems, Inc. does not have any local exchange customers in the state.

Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Date Docketed: 01/11/01
Intervention Deadline: 02/02/01

**TC01-006 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Third Amendment to an Interconnection
Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.**

An amendment No. 3 to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) was filed with the Commission for the states of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming for approval by the Commission. The agreement is a negotiated agreement with the parties adopting the negotiated interconnection agreement between Sprint and Qwest which was approved by the Commission effective November 21, 1997 in Docket No. TC97-149. The Amendment adds terms and conditions for Complex Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than February 6, 2001.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING THIRD
APPROVAL OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO AN)	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND SPRINT)	
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.)	TC01-006

On January 17, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a third amendment to an interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest. The third amendment adds terms and conditions for Complex Firm Order Confirmation.

On January 18, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the third amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 6, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 21, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated third amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Sprint. Commission Staff recommended its approval.


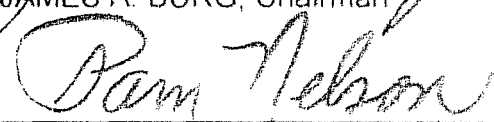
The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the third amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the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

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By	<u>Delaine Kalbo</u>
Date	<u>2/28/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

 _____ JAMES A. BURG, Chairman
 _____ PAM NELSON, Commissioner