Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

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OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN)	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND WWC LICENSE)	
L.L.C.)	TC02-024

On March 8, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between WWC License L.L.C. (WWC) and Qwest. The amendment is made to reflect the Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic) and adds terms and conditions.

On March 14, 2002, 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 March 28, 2002, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed May 30, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and WWC. 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 amendment 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 negotiated amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this _7th day of June, 2002.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

IÁMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

ROBERT K. SAHR

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission WEEKLY FILINGS

For the Period of March 7, 2002 through March 13, 2002

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT02-007

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Koehn Marketing, Inc., Watertown, South Dakota, against Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding Poor Customer Service.

On February 27, 2002, a Qwest technician came to Koehn Marketing to switch their service from McLeod to Qwest. The Qwest technician told Mr. Koehn that everything was hooked up. Later that morning, Mr. Koehn discovered that his 800 number was not working. When he contacted the two companies, each company blamed the other. Mr. Koehn states that the Qwest representative was rude and did not want to help him with the problem. The 800 number service was not restored until 3:00 P.M. the next day. Mr. Koehn states that because of the delay, the business potentially lost thousand of dollars in lost business. Complainant feels that Qwest and McLeod need to be accountable for this mistake. Complainant requests that the Commission take action to make sure that this type of poor service does not happen to other customers.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 03/07/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-023

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation and Premiere Network Services, Inc.

On March 7, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection (SGAT), Unbundled Network Elements (UNE), Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunication Services between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Premiere Network Services, Inc. (Premiere) in the State of South Dakota. According to the parties the Agreement is a negotiated agreement which sets forth the terms, conditions and prices under which

Qwest will provide services for resale to Premiere for the provision of local exchange services. 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 March 27, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 03/07/02

Initial Comments Due: 03/27/02

TC02-024

In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and WWC License L.L.C.

On March 8, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Internet Service Provider (ISP) Bound Traffic Amendment to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and WWC License, L.L.C. (WWC). According to the parties the original agreement was approved by the Commission on January 10, 2001, in Docket No. TC00-145 and is made to reflect the Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic) and adds terms and conditions. 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 March 28, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 03/08/02

Initial Comments Due: 03/28/02

TC02-025

In the Matter of the Filing of Amendment for Collocation, Cancellation and Decommission to the Interconnection Agreement between Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. and Qwest Corporation.

On March 11, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Amendment for Collocation, Cancellation and Decommission to the Interconnection Agreement between Integra Telecom of South Dakota, Inc. (Integra) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). According to the parties this is an Amendment to a negotiated interconnection agreement between Integra and Qwest which was originally approved by the Commission effective August 25, 2000, in Docket No. TC01-049 and the amendment is being made in order to add terms, conditions and rates for Collocation, Cancellation and Decommission as set forth in Attachments 1 and 2 and Exhibit A attached to the Amendment and incorporated therein. 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 April 1, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 03/11/02

Initial Comments Due: 04/01/02

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March 5, 2002

COUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Re:

Filing of Internet Service Provider Bound Traffic Amendment to the Interconnection

Agreement between WWC License, L.L.C. and Owest Corporation

Our File No. 2104.078

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic Amendment to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and WWC License, L.L.C. ("WWC") for approval by the Commission. This is an amendment to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement between Owest and WWC which was approved by the Commission on January 10, 2001 in Docket No. TC00-145.

The Amendment is made to reflect the Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic) and adds terms and conditions.

WCC has authorized Owest to submit this Amendment on WCC's behalf.

Sincerely yours,

MURPHY, MCDOWELL

ENFIELD, L.L.P.

TJW/vjj Enclosures

Mr. Gene DeJordy (WWC Wireless) (enclosure letter only)

Ms. Colleen Sevold

Mr. John Love (enclosure letter only)

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Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic Amendment to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and WWC License L.L.C.

for the State of South Dakota

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UTILITIES COMMISSION

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and WWC License L.L.C. ("WWC"). WWC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, WWC and Qwest entered into the aforementioned Agreement ("Agreement") which was approved by the appropriate state Commission ("Commission"); and

WHEREAS, The FCC issued an Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement to reflect the aforementioned Order 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 to the language as follows in lieu of existing contract language:

1. Definitions

For purposes of this Amendment the following definitions apply:

- 1.1 "Bill and Keep" is as defined in the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic). Bill and Keep is an arrangement where neither of two (2) interconnecting networks charges the other for terminating traffic that originates on the other network. Instead, each network recovers from its own end users the cost of both originating traffic that it delivers to the other network and terminating traffic that it receives from the other network. Bill and Keep does not, however, preclude intercarrier charges for transport of traffic between carriers' networks.
- 1.2 "Information Service" is as defined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 and includes ISP-bound traffic.
- 1.3 "Information Services Access" means the offering of access to Information Services

Providers.

2. Exchange Service (EAS/Local) Traffic

Pursuant to the election in Section 5 of this Amendment, the Parties agree to exchange all EAS/Local (§251(b)(5)) traffic at the FCC ordered rate, pursuant to the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68, (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic) or the state ordered reciprocal compensation rate. When the FCC ordered rate for ISP-bound traffic is applied to EAS/Local traffic, the FCC Ordered ISP rate is used in lieu of End Office call termination and Tandem Switched Transport rate elements.

3. ISP-Bound Traffic

- 3.1 Qwest elects to exchange ISP-bound traffic at the FCC ordered rates pursuant to the FCC's Order on Remand and Report and Order (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP-Bound Traffic) CC Docket 99-68 (FCC ISP Order), effective June 14, 2001, and usage based intercarrier compensation will be applied as follows:
- 3.2 Compensation for Interconnection configurations exchanging traffic pursuant to Interconnection agreements as of adoption of the FCC ISP Order, April 18, 2001:
 - 3.2.1 Identification of ISP-Bound traffic -- Qwest will presume traffic delivered to WWC that exceeds a 3:1 ratio of terminating (Qwest to WWC) to originating (WWC to Qwest) traffic is ISP-bound traffic. Either Party may rebut this presumption by demonstrating the factual ratio to the state Commission. Traffic exchanged that is not ISP bound traffic will be considered to be section 251(b)(5) traffic. The provisions in this amendment apply regardless of how the ISP bound traffic is determined.
 - 3.2.2 Growth Ceilings for ISP-Bound Traffic -- Intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic originated by Qwest end users and terminated by WWC will be subject to growth ceilings. ISP-bound MOUs exceeding the growth ceiling will be subject to Bill and Keep compensation.
 - 3.2.2.1 For the year 2001, WWC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to, on annualized basis, the number of ISP bound minutes for which WWC was entitled to compensation under that Agreement during the first quarter of 2001, plus a ten percent (10%) growth factor.
 - 3.2.2.2 For 2002, WWC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement, for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to the minutes for which it was entitled to compensation under that Agreement in 2001, plus another ten percent (10%) growth factor.
 - 3.2.2.3 In 2003, WWC may receive compensation, pursuant to a particular Interconnection Agreement, for ISP bound minutes up to a ceiling equal to the 2002 ceiling applicable to that Agreement.
 - 3.2.3 Rate Caps -- Intercarrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic exchanged between

Qwest and WWC will be billed in accordance with their existing Agreement or as follows, whichever rate is lower:

- 3.2.3.1 \$.0015 per MOU for six (6) months from June 14, 2001 through December 13, 2001.
- 3.2.3.2 \$.001 per MOU for eighteen (18) months from December 14, 2001 through June 13, 2003.
- 3.2.3.3 \$.0007 per MOU from June 14, 2003 until thirty six (36) months after the effective date or until further FCC action on intercarrier compensation, whichever is later.
- 3.2.3.4 Compensation for ISP bound traffic in Interconnection configurations not exchanging traffic pursuant to Interconnection agreements prior to adoption of the FCC ISP Order on April 18, 2001 will be on a Bill and Keep basis until further FCC action on Intercarrier compensation. This includes carrier expansion into a market it previously had not served.

4. Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, Qwest will adopt the rate-affecting provisions for both ISP bound traffic and (§251(b)(5)) of the Order as of June 14, 2001, the effective date of the Order.

5. Rate Election

The reciprocal compensation rate elected for (§251(b)(5)) traffic is (elect and sign one):

Current rate for voice traffic in the existing Interconnection Agreement:

Signature	_
Name Printed/Typed	

OR

The rate applied to ISP traffic:

Signature

6. 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. This Amendment shall constitute the entire Agreement between the Parties, and supercedes all previous Agreements and Amendments entered into between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Amendment.

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.

WWC License L.L.C.	
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Signature	

Name Printed/Typed

Title

Date

Qwest Corporation

Signature

L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed

<u>Director – Business Policy</u>

Title

Date