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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

September 6, 2002

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

Re: Filing of Amendment for Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Black Hills FiberCom, Inc. for the State of South Dakota
Our File No. 2104.078

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of the Amendment for Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic to the Interconnection Agreement between Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. ("Black Hills") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") for approval by the Commission. This is an amendment to the negotiated agreement between Black Hills and Qwest which was approved by the Commission effective January 6, 1999 in Docket No. TC98-205.

The purpose of the Amendment is to delete paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 and replace them with the language in the Amendment.

Black Hills has authorized Qwest to submit this Agreement on Black Hills' behalf.

Sincerely yours,

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



Thomas J. Welk

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Enclosures

cc: Ronald Schaible (enclosure letter only)
Ms. Colleen Sevold
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**Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.
for the State of South Dakota
for Internet Service Provider ("ISP") Bound Traffic**

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Black Hills and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") which was approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission");

WHEREAS, Black Hills and Qwest entered into an Internet Service Provider (ISP) Bound Traffic Agreement which was approved by the Commission;

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to make further modifications to the ISP Bound Traffic Agreement as 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:

1. Amendment Terms

Paragraph 3.2.1 of the ISP Bound Traffic Agreement is deleted and replaced in its entirety by the following:

3.2.1 Identification of ISP-Bound Traffic – In lieu of the 3:1 presumption established by the FCC, Qwest and CLEC agree to identify ISP-bound traffic based on actual tracking of these minutes. Parties will work together to resolve billing disputes arising from each Party's monthly validation of bills. This cooperative effort shall require Parties to exchange information (which may include terminating telephone numbers utilized to deliver ISP traffic in NPA-NXX-XXXX format) in a data format mutually agreed upon.

Paragraph 3.2.3 and its subsections are deleted and replaced in its entirety with the following:

3.2.3 The Parties agree that ISP Bound Traffic, effective April 1, 2002, shall be exchanged as Bill and Keep.

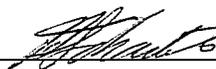
2. Entire Agreement

This Agreement (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects of this Agreement and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of this Agreement.

3. Amendments; Waivers

The provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Agreement may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.



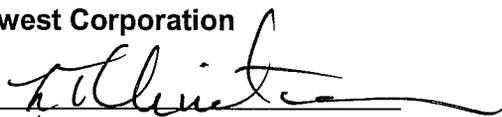
Signature

Ron D. Schaible
Name Printed/Typed

Sr. Vice President & General Manager
Title

Date

Qwest Corporation



Signature

L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed

Director – Business Policy
Title

8/23/02
Date

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT02-036 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Al Leibman, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Qwest Corporation Regarding a Billing Dispute.

Complainant states that in May 2002, he requested service from Qwest to his residence. Although the service was connected by Qwest, he did not have dial tone service in his residence. Because he felt Qwest would be unable to fix the problem in an expedient amount of time, Complainant requested that the service be disconnected. Complainant was told by the Qwest representative that the account would be closed and that there would be no charges billed to the Complainant. Complainant has since been billed by Qwest for the service. Complainant requests that Qwest remove all charges from his account.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT02-037 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Len Scherr on behalf of Sammy's Restaurant, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding a Contract Dispute.

Complainant's representative states that when he agreed to phone service from McLeod, he was not told that he was signing a term agreement and believed that he was authorizing McLeod to be Complainant's phone provider. Complainant did not receive a copy of the McLeod contract until August 27, 2002. Complainant's representative believes that the McLeod representative filled in the terms of the contract after the contract had been signed. On more than one occasion Complainant's representative states that Complainant's phone service did not work. Complainant's representative requests that Complainant be released from its McLeod service without penalty.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/10/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-121 In the Matter of the Request of Beresford Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 5, 2002, Beresford Municipal Telephone Company (Beresford) provided information constituting Beresford's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Beresford will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/05/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-122 In the Matter of the Request of Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 5, 2002, Mount Rushmore Telephone Company and Fort Randall Telephone Company (Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall) provided information constituting Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mt. Rushmore/Ft. Randall will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/05/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-123 In the Matter of the Request of Baltic Telecom Cooperative and East Plains Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Baltic Telecom Cooperative and East Plains Telecom, Inc. (Baltic/East Plains) provided information constituting Baltic/East Plains' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Baltic/East Plains will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-124 In the Matter of the Request of Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Jefferson Telephone Co., Inc. (Jefferson) provided information constituting Jefferson's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Jefferson will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-125 In the Matter of the Request of Western Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Western Telephone Company (Western) provided information constituting Western's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Western will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-126 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Valley Telephone Company (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-127 In the Matter of the Request of Splitrock Telecom Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Splitrock Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Splitrock Properties, Inc. (Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties) provided information constituting Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Splitrock Cooperative/Splitrock Properties will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-128 In the Matter of the Request of Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Santel Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Santel) provided information constituting Santel's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Santel will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-129 In the Matter of the Request of Great Plains Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Great Plains Communications, Inc. (Great Plains) provided information constituting Great Plains' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Great Plains will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-130 In the Matter of the Request of Brookings Municipal Telephone for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 6, 2002, Brookings Municipal Telephone (Brookings) provided information constituting Brookings' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Brookings will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/06/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-131 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C.

On September 9, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Amendment for Internet Service Provider (ISP) Bound Traffic to the Interconnection Agreement between Black Hills FiberCom Inc. for the State of South Dakota, (Black Hills) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). According to the parties, the Amendment is a negotiated agreement between Black Hills and Qwest which was originally approved by the Commission effective January 6, 1999, in Docket TC98-205. The purpose of the Amendment is to delete paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 and replace them with language in the Amendment. 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 September 30, 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: 09/09/02
Initial Comments Due: 09/30/02

TC02-132 In the Matter of the Request of Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a Hickory Tech Corporation for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa d/b/a HickoryTech (HickoryTech) provided information constituting HickoryTech's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that HickoryTech will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-133 - In the Matter of the Request of James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, James Valley Cooperative Telephone Company (James Valley) provided information constituting James Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that James Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-134 In the Matter of the Request of Red River Telecom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Red River Telecom, Inc. (Red River) provided information constituting Red River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Red River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-135 In the Matter of the Request of Faith Municipal Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Faith Municipal Telephone Company (Faith) provided information constituting Faith's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Faith will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-136 In the Matter of the Request of Kadoka Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Kadoka Telephone Company (Kadoka) provided information constituting Kadoka's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Kadoka will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-137 In the Matter of the Request of Union Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Union Telephone Company (Union) provided information constituting Union's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Union will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-138 In the Matter of the Request of Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Bridgewater-Canistota Telephone Company (Bridgewater) provided information constituting Bridgewater's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Bridgewater will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-139 In the Matter of the Request of Armour Independent Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Armour Independent Telephone Company (Armour) provided information constituting Armour's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Armour will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-140 In the Matter of the Request of Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Dakota Community Telephone, Inc. (Dakota) provided information constituting Dakota's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Dakota will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-141 In the Matter of the Request of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (Golden West) provided information constituting Golden West's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Golden West will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-142 In the Matter of the Request of McCook Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, McCook Cooperative Telephone Company (McCook) provided information constituting

McCook's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that McCook will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-143 In the Matter of the Request of Midstate Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Midstate Communications, Inc. (Midstate) provided information constituting Midstate's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Midstate will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-144 In the Matter of the Request of Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Roberts County Telephone Cooperative Association and RC Communications, Inc. (Roberts County and RC) provided information constituting Roberts County and RC's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Roberts County and RC will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-145 In the Matter of the Request of RT Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, RT Communications (RT) provided information constituting RT's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that RT will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-146 In the Matter of the Request of Sioux Valley Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Sioux Valley Telephone Company (Sioux Valley) provided information constituting Sioux Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Sioux Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal

service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-147 In the Matter of the Request of Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Stockholm-Strandburg Telephone Company (Stockholm) provided information constituting Stockholm's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Stockholm will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-148 In the Matter of the Request of Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Sully Buttes) provided information constituting Sully Buttes' plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Sully Buttes will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-149 In the Matter of the Request of Tri-County Telcom, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Tri-County Telcom, Inc. (Tri-County) provided information constituting Tri-County's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Tri-County will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-150 In the Matter of the Request of Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Association, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Valley Telecommunications Cooperative Assn., Inc. (Valley) provided information constituting Valley's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Valley will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal

service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-151 In the Matter of the Request of Vivian Telephone Company d/b/a Golden West Communications, Inc. for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, Vivian Telephone Company (Vivian) provided information constituting Vivian's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Vivian will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-152 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, West River Telecommunications (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-153 In the Matter of the Request of West River Telecommunications Cooperative (Mobridge) for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 9, 2002, West River Telecommunications (Mobridge) provided information constituting Mobridge's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that Mobridge will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/09/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-154 In the Matter of the Request of Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 10, 2002, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority (Cheyenne River) provided information constituting Cheyenne River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to

otherwise verify that Cheyenne River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/10/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-155 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

On September 11, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed changes to its Access Services Tariff. The purpose of the changes is to correct Pricing Flexibility USOCs for six transport rate elements. There are no rate changes proposed. Qwest requests an effective date as soon as possible.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/11/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/23/02

TC02-156 In the Matter of the Request of WWC License LLC for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 11, 2002, WWC License LLC, a subsidiary of Western Wireless Corporation, verified that WWC License LLC will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/11/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

TC02-157 In the Matter of the Request of West River Cooperative Telephone Company for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support.

On September 11, 2002, West River Cooperative Telephone Company (West River) provided information constituting West River's plan for the use of its federal universal service support and to otherwise verify that West River will use all federal universal service support received in a manner that is consistent with the federal universal service provisions of 47 U.S.C. Section 254.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/11/02
Intervention Deadline: 09/20/02

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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 BLACK HILLS)	
FIBERCOM, L.L.C.)	TC02-131

On September 9, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills) and Qwest. The purpose of the amendment is to delete paragraphs 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 and replace them with the language in the amendment.

On September 12, 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 September 30, 2002, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed December 19, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Black Hills. 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 3rd day of January, 2003.

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><i>Nelaine Kaelo</i></u>
Date: <u>1/6/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner