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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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

Re: Qwest Corporation and Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service
Our File No. 2104.078

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of the Wireline Adoption Agreement between Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service ("Houlton") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") for approval by the Commission. Houlton chooses to adopt, in its entirety, the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on March 4, 1999 (no docket number available).

In addition, enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of the Amendment to the Wireline Adoption Agreement for Voice Traffic - 251(b)(5) Reciprocal Compensation. This Amendment is made in order to reflect the FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic).

Houlton has authorized Qwest to submit this Agreement and Amendment on Houlton's behalf.

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE, GREENFIELD, PASHBY & WELK, L.L.P.

Thomas J. Welk

TJW/vij
Enclosures

cc: John Quandahl, Houlton (w/o enclosure)
Colleen Sevold
John Love (w/o enclosure)

March 28, 2003

Houlton Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service
c/o ISG-Telecom Consultants
838 Village Way, Suite 1200
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683
Phone: 727-738-5553
Fax: 727-738-5554
e-mail: isaacs@isg-telecom.com

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
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Dear Mr.Houlton:

We have received your request that, under Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service ("CLEC") wishes to "Pick and Choose" in its entirety, the terms of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, ("Agreement") between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and Qwest Corporation fka U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("Qwest") that was approved by the Commission March 4, 1999 as an effective agreement in the State of South Dakota. Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service is incorporated in the State of South Dakota. We understand you have a copy of the wireline agreement.

With respect to the aforementioned Agreement, Qwest and CLEC (" the Parties") understand and agree:

1. The Parties shall request the Commission to expedite its review and approval of this Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective upon such approval.
2. Notwithstanding the mutual commitments set forth herein, the Qwest is entering into this Agreement without prejudice to any positions it has taken previously, or may take in the future, in any legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including those relating to the types of arrangements contained in this Agreement. During the proceeding in which the Commission is to review and approve the Agreement, Qwest may point out that it has objected, and continues to object, to the inclusion of the terms and conditions to which it objected in the proceedings involving the approval of the Underlying Agreement.
3. CLEC adopts the terms and conditions of the AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Agreement for interconnection with Qwest and in applying the terms and conditions, agrees that Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service be substituted in place of "AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc." throughout the Agreement wherever the latter appears.
4. Qwest requests that notice to Qwest Corporation as may be required under the Agreement shall be provided as follows:

To: Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Compliance
1801 California Street, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202

With copy to:
Qwest Corporation Law Department
Attention: General Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 38th Floor
Denver, CO 80202

CLEC requests that notice to CLEC as may be required under the Agreement shall be provided as follows:

Houlton Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service
c/o ISG-Telecom Consultants
838 Village Way, Suite 1200
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683
Phone: 727-738-5553
Fax: 727-738-5554
e-mail: isaacs@isg-telecom.com

CLEC represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local dialtone service in the State of South Dakota, and that this Agreement will cover services in that state only.

Please sign all three original copies of this letter, and overnight them by June 27, 2003 to:

Qwest Corporation
Manager of Interconnection
1801 California St, Suite 2410
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-965-3029

After June 27, 2003 Qwest may rescind its willingness to consider the Agreement's terms and conditions.

Please note that Qwest will file this letter with the appropriate state commission for approval; however, some state commissions will not approve the letter until the CLEC is certified by the state commission. You may want to contact the appropriate state commission to determine the requisite filing guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date



4/3/03

Qwest Corporation
L.T. Christensen
Director – Business Policy
1801 California Street, Suite 24th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80202

I agree to all terms and conditions contained in this letter as indicated by my signature below:

Houlton Enterprises Inc. dba Guaranteed Phone Service

John Quandahl

Signature

John Quandahl

Name Printed

Chief Operating Officer

Title

3/31/03

Date

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
WEEKLY FILINGS
For the Period of April 17, 2003 through April 23, 2003

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact
Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705

ELECTRIC

EL03-014 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

On April 17, 2003, MidAmerican Energy Company filed SDPUC Electric Tariff No. 1, Section No. 6, 8th Revised Sheet No. 2 for Commission approval. MidAmerican is proposing changes to the back of its standard bill form. MidAmerican has retooled its printing operations so that it is now feasible to perform in-house printing on both sides of its bill form. Due to this operational change, MidAmerican no longer needs to retain the contact information for each regulatory agency on every bill regardless of the customer's jurisdiction.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/17/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/09/03

NATURAL GAS

NG03-003 In the Matter of the Filing by MidAmerican Energy Company for Approval of Tariff Revisions.

On April 17, 2003, MidAmerican Energy Company filed SDPUC Gas Sales Tariff, Section No. VI, Eighth Revised Sheet No. 3 for Commission approval. MidAmerican is proposing changes to the back of its standard bill form. MidAmerican has retooled its printing operations so that it is now feasible to perform in-house printing on both sides of its bill form. Due to this operational change, MidAmerican no longer needs to retain the contact information for each regulatory agency on every bill regardless of the customer's jurisdiction.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/17/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/09/03

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC03-068 In the Matter of the Application of Midcontinent Communications, Inc. for Approval to Expand its Certificate of Authority to Provide Local Exchange Service in the Service Territory of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.

On April 17, 2003, Midcontinent Communications filed an application to amend its certificate of authority to provide local exchange service in the Webster exchange of Interstate Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc. (ITC), a rural telecommunications carrier. In the Webster exchange Midcontinent Communications will use a combination of ITC resold services and the hybrid fiber coax of its cable plant to provide primary transport for residential telephone service. Midcontinent Communications will also

provide intrastate and interstate interexchange services for commercial and residential customers. Midcontinent Communications has requested interconnection pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 251(f)(1)(A) with ITC, requests confidential treatment of its financial information, and requests a waiver from providing service to the entire ITC service area to provide local exchange service in the Webster exchange of ITC.

Staff Analyst: Harlan Best
Staff Attorney: Karen E. Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/17/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/02/03

TC03-069 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of a Wireline Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service.

On April 17, 2003, the Commission received for approval a Wireline Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton). According to the parties, Houlton chooses to adopt, in its entirety, the terms and conditions of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, between AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. and Qwest f/k/a U S West which was approved by the Commission on March 4, 1999, in Docket No. TC96-184. 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 May 7, 2003. 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: 04/17/03
Initial Comments Due: 05/07/03

TC03-070 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an amendment to a Wireline Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service.

On April 17, 2003, the Commission received for approval an amendment to a Wireline Adoption Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton). According to the parties, the amendment to the Wireline Adoption Agreement for Voice Traffic - 251(b)(5) Reciprocal Compensation agreement is made in order to reflect the FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic). 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 May 7, 2003. 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: 04/17/03
Initial Comments Due: 05/07/03

TC03-071 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On April 21, 2003, the Commission received for approval an amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. According to the parties, this is an amendment to the Agreement approved by the Commission on July 23, 1999, in

Docket TC99-057. The amendment is made in order to add the terms, conditions and rates for UNEs, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibits A, B, and C, attached to the filing. 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 May 12, 2003. 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: 04/21/03
Initial Comments Due: 05/12/03

TC03-072 In the Matter of the Application of Horizon Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Horizon Telecom, Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange intrastate telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold interexchange services, including 1+ outbound dialing, 8XX toll-free inbound dialing, directory assistance, and travel card service throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Bonnie Bjork
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/23/03
Intervention Deadline: 05/09/03

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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 A WIRELINE ADOPTION)	WIRELINE ADOPTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST)	AGREEMENT
CORPORATION AND HOULTON)	
ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A GUARANTEED)	TC03-069
PHONE SERVICE)	

On April 17, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a wireline adoption agreement between Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton) and Qwest.

On April 24, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until May 7, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed June 3, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the wireline adoption agreement between Qwest and Houlton. 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 wireline adoption agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the wireline adoption agreement and the wireline adoption agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the wireline adoption agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the wireline adoption agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of June, 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>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date: <u>6/10/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner