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In the Matter of          IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR
  
         APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO
  
         AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
  
         BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION
  
         AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS
  
         COMPANY L.P.

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
9/18 03	<i>Filed and Docketed;</i>
9/25 03	<i>Weekly Filing;</i>
10/28 03	<i>Order Approving Amendment to Agreement;</i>
10/28 03	<i>Docket Closed.</i>

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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: Filing of UNE-P Line Splitting Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.  
 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 UNE-P Line Splitting Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") for approval by the Commission. This is an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement between Sprint and Qwest which was approved by the Commission effective November 13, 2001 in Docket No. TC01-151.

The Agreement is amended by adding terms and conditions for UNE-P Line Splitting as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached to the Amendment.

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

Sincerely yours,

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



Thomas J. Welk

TJW/vjj  
 Enclosures

cc: Ken Ross, Sprint (enclosure letter only)  
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**UNE-P Line Splitting Amendment  
to the Interconnection Agreement between  
Qwest Corporation and  
Sprint Communications Company L.P.  
for the State of South Dakota**

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") for UNE-P Line Splitting to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the State of South Dakota which was approved by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"); 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, conditions and rates for UNE-P Line Splitting, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 1.2 of the Underlying Agreement is amended to read as follows:

1.2 The provisions in this Agreement are intended to be in compliance with and based on the existing state of the law, rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws, as of April 1, 2003 (the Existing Rules). Nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or CLEC concerning the interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or an admission by Qwest or CLEC that the Existing Rules should not be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or CLEC from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of the Existing Rules or concerning whether the Existing Rules should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified. To the extent that the Existing Rules are vacated, dismissed, stayed or materially changed or modified, then this Agreement shall be amended to reflect such legally binding modification or change of the Existing Rules. Where the Parties fail to agree upon such an amendment within sixty (60) Days after notification from a Party seeking amendment due to a modification or change of the Existing Rules or if any time during such sixty (60) Day period the Parties shall have ceased to negotiate such new terms for a continuous period of fifteen (15) Days, it shall be resolved in accordance with the Dispute Resolution provision of this Agreement. It is expressly understood that this Agreement will be corrected, or if requested by CLEC, amended as set forth in this Section 1.2, to reflect the outcome of generic proceedings by the Commission for pricing, service standards, or other

matters covered by this Agreement. Rates in Exhibit A will reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Any amendment shall be deemed effective on the effective date of the legally binding change or modification of the Existing Rules for rates, and to the extent practicable for other terms and conditions, unless otherwise ordered. During the pendency of any negotiation for an amendment pursuant to this Section 1.2, the Parties shall continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for up to sixty (60) Days. If the Parties fail to agree on an amendment during the sixty (60) Day negotiation period, the Parties agree that the first matter to be resolved during Dispute Resolution will be the implementation of an interim operating agreement between the Parties regarding the disputed issues, to be effective during the pendency of Dispute Resolution. The Parties agree that the interim operating agreement shall be determined and implemented within the first fifteen (15) Days of Dispute Resolution and the Parties will continue to perform their obligations in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, until the interim operating agreement is implemented. For purposes of this section, "legally binding" means that the legal ruling has not been stayed, no request for a stay is pending, and any deadline for requesting a stay designated by statute or regulation, has passed.

1.2.1 In addition to, but not in limitation of, 1.2 above, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed an admission by Qwest or CLEC concerning the interpretation or effect of the FCC's decision and rules adopted in *In the Matter of Review of the Section 251 Unbundling Obligations of Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers; Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability*, CC Docket Nos. 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147, nor rules, regulations and interpretations thereof, including but not limited to state rules, regulations, and laws as they may be issued or promulgated regarding the same (Decision(s)). Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude or estop Qwest or CLEC from taking any position in any forum concerning the proper interpretation or effect of Decisions or concerning whether the Decision should be changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified.

### **Effective Date**

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

### **Amendments; Waivers**

The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment 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.

**Entire Amendment.** This Amendment (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the parties with regard to the subjects of this Amendment 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 Amendment.

**Sprint Communications Company L.P.**

W. Richard Morris  
Signature

W. Richard Morris  
Name Printed/Typed

Vice President, External Affairs  
Title

September 9, 2003  
Date

**Qwest Corporation**

L.T. Christensen  
Signature

L.T. Christensen  
Name Printed/Typed

Director - Business Policy  
Title

9/12/03  
Date

**ATTACHMENT 1****9.21 UNE-P Line Splitting****9.21.1 Description**

Line Splitting provides CLEC/DLEC with the opportunity to offer advanced data service simultaneously with an existing UNE-P by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper Loop. The advanced data service may be provided by the Customer of record or another data service provider chosen by the Customer of record. A POTS Splitter must be inserted into the UNE-P to accommodate establishment of the advanced data service. The POTS Splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper Loop to be used for simultaneous DLEC data transmission and Sprint provided voice service to the End User Customer. "CLEC" will herein be referred to as the voice service provider while "DLEC" will be referred to as the advanced data service provider. CLEC and DLEC may be the same entity. Only one (1) Customer of record determined by the CLEC/DLEC partnership will be identified to Qwest.

**9.21.2 Terms and Conditions**

## 9.21.2.1 General

9.21.2.1.1 The Customer of record will order the insertion of a POTS Splitter. Qwest is not responsible for providing the Splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the End User Customer to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper Loop.

9.21.2.1.2 To order Line Splitting, CLEC/DLEC must have a POTS Splitter installed in the Qwest Wire Center that serves the End User Customer. The POTS Splitter must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment Collocation set by the FCC or be compliant with ANSI T1.413.

9.21.2.1.3 CLEC/DLEC may provide any xDSL services that are compatible with CLEC UNE-P POTS service in accordance with ANSI T1.413 or IEEE 820 or other industry standards.

9.21.2.1.4 There may be only one DLEC at any given time that provides advanced data service on any given UNE-P.

9.21.2.1.5 The Customer of record will be able to request conditioning of the Unbundled Loop portion of the UNE-P. Qwest will perform requested conditioning of shared Loops to remove load coils and excess Bridged Taps. If Sprint requests conditioning and such conditioning significantly degrades the voice services on the Loop of the UNE-P to the point that it is unacceptable to Sprint, Sprint shall pay the conditioning rate set forth in Exhibit A to recondition the Loop.

9.21.2.1.6 POTS Splitters may be installed in Qwest Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of CLEC/DLEC: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section;

or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in the Shared Loop Section of this Agreement. Under either option, POTS Splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that Qwest is not required to inventory more than two (2) points of termination. For UNE-P Line Splitting, Qwest shall use the same number of Cross Connections and the same length of the tie pairs as it uses for Line Sharing.

9.21.2.1.7 Reserved for Future Use.

9.21.2.1.8 POTS Splitter Collocation requirements are covered in the Shared Loop Section of this Agreement.

9.21.2.1.8.1 Qwest will enable Sprint to provide Qwest's DSL to an end-user Customer via resale when service is provided by Sprint to that End User Customer over UNE-P.

9.21.2.1.8.2 Sprint may convert existing Qwest retail service with existing Qwest DSL to UNE-P services with Qwest DSL service, without an interruption in service due to the conversion. Sprint may also request the installation of new Qwest DSL service on existing UNE-P service, subject to Loop qualification and availability.

9.21.2.1.8.3 Qwest will enable this arrangement for both existing and new Customers (e.g., a Customer who had not previously subscribed to Qwest's DSL).

9.32.2.1.8.4 In both instances identified above, Qwest will not have a direct relationship with the End User Customer. Qwest will bill Sprint and Sprint will bill its End User Customer for the DSL Customer.

### **9.21.3 Rate Elements**

The following UNE-P Line Splitting rate elements are contained in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.21.3.1 Recurring Rates for UNE-P Line Splitting.

9.21.3.1.1 Interconnection TIE Pairs (ITP). A monthly recurring charge to recover the costs associated with the use of 2 ITPs, one for voice and one for voice/data.

9.21.3.1.2 OSS Charge – A monthly recurring charge to recover the cost of the OSS modifications necessary to provide access to the high frequency portion of the UNE-P Loop.

9.21.3.2 Non-Recurring Rates for the UNE-P Line Splitting

9.21.3.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for UNE-P Line Splitting – A nonrecurring charge for each UNE-P Line Splitting installed will apply.

9.21.3.2.2 Charge for conditioning Loop associated with UNE-P – A nonrecurring charge for either conditioning the Loop by removing load coils and/or excess Bridged Taps; or reconditioning the line if necessary to assure the quality of the voice service on the UNE-P.

### 9.21.3.3 Non-Recurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

9.21.3.3.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A nonrecurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section.

9.21.3.3.2 Additional Testing – The Customer of record may request Qwest to perform additional testing, and Qwest may decide to perform the requested testing on a case-by-case basis. A nonrecurring charge will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

9.21.3.4 Rates for POTS Splitter Collocation are included in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

9.21.3.5 All of these rates are interim and will be subject to true-up based on either mutually agreed permanent rates or permanent rates established in a cost proceeding conducted by the Commission. In the event interim rates are established by the Commission before permanent rates are set, the interim rates set forth in Exhibit A will be changed to reflect the interim rates set by the Commission; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent rates are established or permanent rates are established by the Commission.

## 9.21.4 Ordering Process

### 9.21.4.1 UNE-P Line Splitting

9.21.4.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, CLEC/DLEC may access Loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Support Functions Section. The Customer of record will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to add data services to any specific UNE-P associated Loop.

9.21.4.1.2 The Customer of record will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations that are dedicated to POTS Splitters. Qwest will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC/MDF and IDF.

9.21.4.1.3 Basic Installation "lift and lay" procedure will be used for all Line Splitting orders. Under this approach, a Qwest technician "lifts" the Loop from its current termination in a Qwest Wire Center and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to CLEC's/DLEC's collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.



9.21.4.1.4 The Customer of record shall not place orders for UNE-P Line Splitting until all work necessary to provision UNE-P Line Splitting in a given Qwest Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS Splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

9.21.4.1.5 If a Line Splitting LSR is placed to change from Line Sharing to UNE-P Line Splitting or to change the voice provider in a UNE-P Line Splitting arrangement and the data provider does not change or move Splitter location, the data service will not be interrupted.

9.21.4.1.6 The Customer of record shall submit the appropriate LSR's associated with establishing UNE-P and Line Splitting.

### 9.21.5 Billing

9.21.5.1 Qwest shall provide a bill to the Customer of record, on a monthly basis, within seven to ten (7-10) calendar Days of the last day of the most recent Billing period, in an agreed upon standard electronic Billing format, Billing information including (1) a summary bill, and (2) individual End User Customer sub-account information consistent with the samples available for CLEC/DLEC review.

9.21.5.2 Qwest shall bill the Customer of record for all recurring and nonrecurring Line Splitting rate elements.

### 9.21.6 Repair and Maintenance

9.21.6.1 Qwest will allow CLEC/DLEC to access UNE-P Line Splitting at the point where the combined voice and data Loop is cross-connected to the POTS Splitter.

9.21.6.2 The Customer of record will be responsible for reporting to Qwest voice service troubles provided over UNE-P Line Splitting. Qwest will be responsible to repair troubles on the physical line between Network Interface Devices at the user premises and the point of demarcation in Qwest Wire Centers. CLEC/DLEC will be responsible for repairing data services provided on UNE-P Line Splitting. Qwest, CLEC and DLEC each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS Splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.

9.21.6.3 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for UNE-P Line Splitting and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on Qwest's website:

<http://www.qwest.com/wholesale/productservices/pcat/index.html>. In the interim, Qwest and CLEC/DLEC agree that the following general principles will guide the repair and maintenance process for UNE-P Line Splitting.

9.21.6.3.1 If an End User Customer complains of a voice service problem that may be related to the use of an UNE-P for data services, Qwest and CLEC/DLEC will work together with the End User Customer to solve the problem to the satisfaction of the End User Customer. Qwest will not disconnect the data service without authorization from the Customer of record.

9.21.6.3.2 CLEC and DLEC are responsible for their respective End User Customer base. CLEC/DLEC will have the responsibility for initiation and resolution of any service trouble report(s) initiated by their respective End User Customers.

9.21.6.3.3 Qwest will test for electrical faults (e.g. opens, and/or foreign voltage) on UNE-P Line Splitting in response to trouble tickets initiated by Sprint. When trouble tickets are initiated by Sprint, and such trouble is not an electrical fault (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in Qwest's network, Qwest will assess Customer of record the Trouble Isolation Charge (TIC) Charge.

9.21.6.3.4 When trouble reported by the Customer of record is not isolated or identified by tests for electrical faults (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage), Qwest may perform additional testing at the request of the Customer of record on a case-by-case basis. The Customer of record may request that Qwest perform additional testing and Qwest may decide not to perform requested testing where it believes, in good faith, that additional testing is unnecessary because the test requested has already been performed or otherwise duplicates the results of a previously performed test. In this case, Qwest will provide the Customer of record with the relevant test results on a case-by-case basis. If this additional testing uncovers electrical fault trouble (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in the portion of the network for which Qwest is responsible, the Customer of record will not be charged by Qwest for the testing. If this additional testing uncovers a problem in the portion of the network for which CLEC/DLEC is responsible, Qwest will assess the appropriate Miscellaneous Charge to the Customer of record.

9.21.6.4 When POTS Splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, CLEC/DLEC will order and install additional Splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the POTS Splitters. CLEC/DLEC will leave one unused, spare Splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.

9.21.6.5 When POTS Splitters are installed in Qwest Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, CLEC/DLEC may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing UNE-P Line Splitting. This equipment must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment set by the FCC.

9.21.6.6 Qwest, CLEC and DLEC will work together to address End User Customer initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the End User Customer.

### **9.21.7 Customer of Record and Authorized Agents**

9.21.7.1 "Customer of record" is defined for purposes of this section as the CLEC that is the billed Customer for Line Splitting. The Customer of record may designate an authorized agent pursuant to the terms of sections 9.21.7.2 and 9.21.7.3 to perform ordering and/or Maintenance and Repair functions.

9.21.7.2 In order for the authorized agent of the Customer of record to perform ordering and/or Maintenance and Repair functions, the Customer of record must provide its authorized agent the necessary access and security devices, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that will allow the authorized agent to access the records of the Customer of record. Such access will be managed by the Customer of record.

9.21.7.3 The Customer of record shall hold Qwest harmless with regard to any harm to Customer of record as a direct and proximate result of the acts or omissions of the authorized agent of the Customer of record or any other person who has obtained from the Customer of record the necessary access and security devices through the Customer of record, including but not limited to user identifications, digital certificates and SecurID cards, that allow such person to access the records of the Customer of record unless such access and security devices were wrongfully obtained by such person through the willful or negligent behavior of Qwest.

## EXHIBIT A

<b>9.23</b>	<b>UNE Combinations</b>					
9.23.1	UNE - P Line Splitting					
	Basic Installation Charge for UNE-P Line Splitting				\$37.27	1
<b>9.4</b>	<b>Line Sharing</b>					
9.4.1	Shared Loop, per Loop		\$0.00	\$37.27		# and 10, 1
9.4.2	OSS, per Order		\$3.21			1
9.4.3	Reclassification Charge			ICB		3
9.4.4	Splitter Shelf Charge		\$4.39	\$532.56		1
9.4.5	Splitter TIE Cable Connections					
	Splitter in the Common Area -- Data to 410 block		\$5.19	\$2,804.98		1
	Splitter in the Common Area -- Data direct to CLEC		\$5.52	\$2,981.61		1
	Splitter on the IDF - Data to 410 block		\$1.58	\$853.16		1
	Splitter on the IDF - Data direct to CLEC		\$3.11	\$1,679.72		1
	Splitter on the MDF - Data to 410 block		\$1.63	\$882.73		1
	Splitter on the MDF - Data direct to CLEC		\$3.69	\$1,991.96		1
9.4.6	Engineering			\$1,300.49		1

## NOTES:

[1]	Rates addressed in Cost Docket filed on October 15, 2002.
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[3]	ICB, Individual Case Basis pricing.
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**South Dakota Public Utilities Commission**  
**WEEKLY FILINGS**

**For the Period of September 18, 2003 through September 24, 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: 605-773-3201

**CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

**CT03-147**      **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Colin John Dutenhoffer, Aberdeen, South Dakota, against S&S Communications/Altern-a-Cell Regarding Loss of Long Distance Services.**

Complainant states that he purchased a six-year pre-paid long distance service plan. Service was terminated on or about June 1, 2003, after 37 months of service. Complainant seeks to be reimbursed for the pre-paid service not provided plus an additional \$1000.00 punitive award.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 09/18/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**CT03-148**      **In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Mary S. Hanson, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against Budget Call Long Distance, Inc. Regarding Unauthorized Switching of Services.**

Complainant states that her long distance company sent her notice that it would cease to be her long distance provider on January 27, 2003, and advised the complainant to select a new provider. Complainant intentionally chose not to select a new provider and when long distance calls were made in March of 2003, they were routed as casual traffic through the Respondent's network. As a result, the complainant was billed for these calls and is now requesting \$1000.00 pursuant to SDCL 49-31-93.

Staff Analyst: Jim Mehlhaff  
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier  
Date Docketed: 09/23/03  
Intervention deadline: N/A

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**TC03-179**      **In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company L.P.**

On September 18, 2003, the Commission received a filing for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint

Communications Company L.P. According to the parties, the Agreement is amended by adding terms and conditions for UNE-P Line Splitting as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached to the Amendment. The original Agreement was approved by the Commission effective November 13, 2001, in Docket TC01-151. 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 October 8, 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: 09/18/03

Initial Comments Due: 09/29/03

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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 AN AMENDMENT TO AN )	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )	AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND SPRINT )	
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. )	TC03-179

On September 18, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest. The agreement is amended by adding terms and conditions for UNE-P Line Splitting as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached to the amendment.

On September 25, 2003, 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 October 8, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed October 16, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated 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 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Helaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>10/29/03</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