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Re: Collocation Decommission Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement  
between Qwest Corporation and SBC Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long  
Distance for the State of South Dakota

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 is the Collocation Decommission Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and SBC Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Long Distance for the State of South Dakota.

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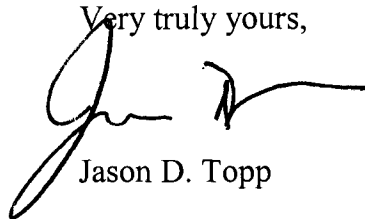
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Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Topp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

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**Collocation Decommission Amendment  
to the Interconnection Agreement between  
Qwest Corporation  
and  
SBC Long Distance, Inc. dba AT&T Long Distance  
for the State of South Dakota**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and SBC Long Distance, Inc. dba AT&T Long Distance ("CLEC").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement, for services in the State of South Dakota that was approved by the Commission"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement 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 the terms, conditions and rates for Collocation Decommission, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Rates in Exhibit A shall be updated to 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.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval; 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. Additionally, Qwest shall implement any necessary billing changes within two (2) billing cycles after the latest execution date of this Amendment, with a true-up back to the latest execution date of this Amendment by the end of the second billing cycle. The Parties agree that so long as Qwest implements the billing changes and the true-up as set forth above, the CLEC's bills shall be deemed accurate and adjusted without error.

**Amendments; Waivers**

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. 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 Agreement**

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended 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 the Agreement as amended.

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.

**SBC Long Distance, Inc.  
dba AT&T Long Distance**

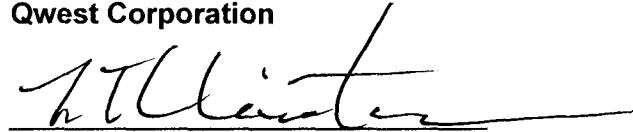
  
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**Qwest Corporation**

  
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Date

**ATTACHMENT 1**

***The numbering in this Attachment 1 (which may not be consecutive) is used as a convenience to the Parties and is not related to the numbering of the remainder of the Agreement.***

**COLLOCATION DECOMMISSION**

8.2.1.22 Termination of Collocation Arrangement. CLEC may terminate a completed Collocation arrangement by a Collocation Decommission or a Collocation Transfer of Responsibility. A Collocation site is only eligible for Collocation Decommission or a Collocation Transfer of Responsibility after the site is built-out and accepted by CLEC. Abandoned equipment shall be handled as detailed in Section 8.2.1.22.3.

8.2.1.22.1 Collocation Decommission. Collocation Decommission refers to the deactivation of a Collocation site occupied by CLEC and removal of CLEC equipment. Collocation Decommission is offered for all types of Collocation. A request for decommissioning is irrevocable once Qwest accepts the Collocation Decommission Application.

8.2.1.22.1.1 Prior to submitting a Collocation Decommission Application, all CLEC's financial obligations with respect to the Collocation site to be decommissioned must be current, with the exception of formally disputed charges. CLEC financial obligations include payment of one hundred percent (100%) of all nonrecurring quoted charges and all applicable monthly recurring charges that are more than thirty (30) Days past due.

8.2.1.22.1.2 CLEC must disconnect all services, including any administrative services, from the Collocation site to be decommissioned prior to submitting the Collocation Decommission Application. All of CLEC's administrative lines and End User Customer services need to be disconnected via the appropriate Access Service Request (ASR) or Local Service Request (LSR). If CLEC has not disconnected all services, all charges with respect to the Collocation site will continue to accrue and the Collocation Decommission Application will be rejected.

8.2.1.22.1.2.1 Prior to disconnecting its services, including direct CLEC-to-CLEC connections, CLEC must notify, in writing, all of its current End User Customers affected by the discontinuation of service. CLEC must submit an email notification with the Collocation Decommission Application representing to Qwest that all CLEC End User Customers have been properly notified. For direct CLEC-to-CLEC connection arrangements, CLEC should submit a letter of authorization (LOA) signed by both CLECs involved in the direct CLEC-to-CLEC connection arrangement. Failure to include such email notification or LOA will result in the rejection of the Collocation Decommission Application.

8.2.1.22.1.3 CLEC should remove its equipment prior to submitting a

Collocation Decommission Application. Equipment includes all CLEC owned electronic equipment, equipment racks, mounting hardware, and CLEC supplied cable (including direct CLEC-to-CLEC cables), termination blocks and cage materials. If CLEC does not remove its equipment within thirty (30) Days of Qwest's acceptance of the Collocation Decommission Application, Qwest will send a notification stating the equipment is considered abandoned. Upon receiving notification of abandonment from Qwest, CLEC will have fifteen (15) Days to notify Qwest that the equipment is not abandoned and remove its equipment. If CLEC does not respond to the notification and remove the equipment and Qwest determines that the equipment has been abandoned, Qwest will send a detailed invoice for all charges and a final notification and bill CLEC for any and all claims, expenses, fees or other costs Qwest incurs as a result of the removal by Qwest of the abandoned equipment, including any materials used in the removal and the hourly labor rate charges. CLEC will hold Qwest harmless from the failure to return any such equipment, property or other items.

8.2.1.22.1.4 Qwest will remove all Collocation entrance facilities. For shared Collocation entrance facilities, Qwest will cut all fiber and/or copper Collocation entrance facilities at the splice point in the Collocation Point of Interconnection (C-POI). For express Collocation entrance facilities, Qwest will remove and dispose of the Collocation entrance fiber.

8.2.1.22.1.5 For Virtual Collocation, Qwest will automatically remove all equipment within ninety (90) Days. Qwest will negotiate with CLEC to schedule the pick up of the equipment. There will be no charge for the removal of CLEC's Virtual Collocation equipment.

8.2.1.22.1.6 For Collocations with direct CLEC-to-CLEC connection arrangements, CLEC is required to disconnect and remove the direct CLEC-to-CLEC connections. Qwest prefers that CLEC disconnect and remove the direct CLEC-to-CLEC connection cables prior to submitting the Collocation Decommission Application. If CLEC is not able to disconnect and remove the cables prior to submitting the Collocation Decommission Application, CLEC will be allowed thirty (30) calendar Days from Qwest's acceptance date of the Collocation Decommission Application to disconnect and remove the direct CLEC-to-CLEC connection cables. If CLEC has not removed the direct CLEC-to-CLEC connections, it will be treated as abandoned equipment.

8.2.1.22.1.7 CLEC will be eligible for a refund for all elements defined as either reusable or reimbursable, if acquired by another CLEC during the following defined time period. An inventory will be completed by Qwest and furnished to CLEC within ninety (90) Days of the Collocation Decommission Application acceptance identifying the reimbursable and reusable elements and the potential credit.

8.2.1.22.1.7.1 Reimbursable elements considered for a refund are: DS0, DS1, and DS3 termination cabling, and fiber terminations, excluding Collocation entrance facility cabling. These elements will be eligible for a refund for up to one (1) year after the date of decommissioning.

8.2.1.22.1.7.2 Reusable elements include components used to provision the original Collocation site (e.g., cage, bays, HVAC, cable racking). These elements will be eligible for a refund for up to three (3) years after the date of decommissioning.

8.2.1.22.1.8 CLEC is required to return the space to turnover condition. Turnover condition is defined as the same condition in which CLEC originally assumed the Collocation site. CLEC must relinquish security access if not currently leasing another Collocation site in the same Wire Center when verification of equipment removal is completed. Security access will be terminated within thirty (30) Days of receipt of an accepted Collocation Decommission Application, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed to by Qwest.

8.2.1.22.1.9 Ordering – CLEC should submit a Collocation Decommission Application form. Qwest will notify CLEC within one (1) business day if the prerequisites have been met. If Qwest believes that such prerequisites have not been met, Qwest will specifically identify the information needed to make the Decommissioning Application complete. Qwest will validate the order within two (2) business days from receipt of the Collocation Decommission Application. Qwest will provide an inventory of the eligible reimbursable and reusable elements and the potential credits within ninety (90) Days of the Collocation Decommission Application acceptance.

#### 8.2.1.22.1.10 Billing

8.2.1.22.1.10.1 Qwest will not charge for decommissioning Collocations unless equipment has been abandoned or the Collocation space has not been returned to turnover condition. Charges for work related to the removal of abandoned equipment or returning the Collocation space to turnover condition include miscellaneous hourly labor charges and, if applicable, dispatch charges will apply for unmanned Central Offices and Remote Collocations.

8.2.1.22.1.10.2 CLEC shall pay all monthly recurring charges until Qwest validates the Collocation Decommission Application. The effective date to cease the monthly recurring Billing will coincide with the date that the complete Collocation Decommission Application was submitted.

8.2.1.22.3 Abandoned Equipment. If Qwest finds, in the course of business, evidence to substantiate that any equipment or property of CLEC has been abandoned or left unclaimed in or at any Premises, Qwest shall notify CLEC in writing of the existence of such equipment or property and CLEC shall have thirty (30) Days from the date of such notice to remove such equipment or property from the Premises. If, prior to the termination of the thirty (30) Day period, CLEC disputes that the equipment or property has been abandoned or left unclaimed at the Premises, CLEC shall provide written notice to Qwest of such dispute ("Resolution Request") and commence Dispute Resolution proceedings pursuant

to the Dispute Resolution Section of the Agreement. If no Resolution Request has been delivered to Qwest within thirty (30) Days of the notice, all equipment or property of CLEC not removed from the Premises shall conclusively be deemed and construed to have been transferred, deeded, and assigned by CLEC to Qwest and may be appropriated, sold, stored, destroyed and/or otherwise disposed of by Qwest without further notice to CLEC and without obligation to account therefore, and CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the storage or other disposition of such equipment or property. If CLEC delivers a Resolution Request but fails to commence Dispute Resolution proceedings pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Section of this Agreement or to otherwise resolve the dispute with Qwest, within thirty (30) Days of the delivery of such Resolution Request, then thirty (30) Days after the date of the Resolution Request, all equipment or property of CLEC not removed from the Qwest Premises shall conclusively be deemed and construed to have been transferred, deeded, and assigned by CLEC to Qwest and may be appropriated, sold, stored, destroyed and/or otherwise disposed of by Qwest without further notice to CLEC and without obligation to account therefore, and CLEC shall reimburse Qwest for all reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the storage or other disposition of such equipment or property. Once the time period for removal of all of CLEC's abandoned equipment or property has elapsed, Qwest shall cease charging CLEC any recurring charges associated with the Collocation Premise where such abandoned equipment or property was located. You may be eligible for Reimbursable and Reusable Element credits based on the type and quantity of reusable elements and your current Interconnection Agreement rate for the reimbursable element. Any such credits, if applicable, shall be issued by Qwest in the form of a credit adjustment or check, as appropriate. CLEC hereby releases and agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Qwest from and against any and all costs, expenses, claims, judgments, damages, liability or obligation arising out of or in connection with Qwest's exercise of any or all of its rights under this Section. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, where CLEC has submitted a Decommissioning Application, the provisions of Section 8.2.1.22.1 of this Agreement, shall govern the equipment or property of CLEC and not this Section unless CLEC fails to remove its equipment or property in accordance with the terms of Section 8.2.1.22.1 of this Agreement.



**Exhibit A  
South Dakota\***

						Notes		
			Recurring	Recurring, per Mile	Nonrecurring	REC	REC, per Mile	NRC
<b>8.16</b>	<b>Collocation Decommissioning (uses rates from 9.20)</b>							
8.16.1	Additional Labor Other - Basic				\$28.19			5
8.16.2	Additional Labor Other - Overtime				\$37.65			5
8.16.3	Additional Labor Other - Premium				\$47.13			5
8.16.4	Additional Dispatch				Qwest's Tariff FCC No. 1 Section 13			

NOTES:

[5] Rates addressed in Cost Docket filed on October 15, 2002.