

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING FIRST
APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN)	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)	AGREEMENT
BROOKINGS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES)	
TELEPHONE DEPARTMENT D.B.A SWITTEL)	TC00-131
COMMUNICATIONS AND QWEST)	
CORPORATION)	

On August 30, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest), fka U S WEST Communications, Inc. filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a first amendment to an interconnection agreement between Brookings Municipal Utilities Telephone Department d.b.a Swiftel Communications (Swiftel) and Qwest. The first amendment includes the terms and conditions for inter local calling area (InterLCA Facility).

On August 31, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the first amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until September 19, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed September 26, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated first amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Swiftel. 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 first amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the first amendment and the first amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the first amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated first amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of September, 2000.

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>Alaine Kelso</i></u>
Date: <u><i>9/29/00</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner