

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) APPROVAL OF SECOND AND THIRD) AMENDMENTS TO AN INTERCONNECTION) AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST) CORPORATION AND NEW EDGE NETWORK,) INC. D/B/A NEW EDGE NETWORKS)	ORDER APPROVING SECOND AND THIRD AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT TC00-186
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On November 21, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) second and third amendments to an interconnection agreement between New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge) and Qwest. The second amendment adds terms, conditions and rates for IDSL and DS3 capable loops. The third amendment revises the existing intervals for collocation augments, extends additional access to loop qualification data, adds language regarding processes and intervals for unbundled loop order provisioning, adds a self-executing service performance program and adds language regarding the ordering and provisioning of collocation and UNE facilities.

On November 23, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the second and third amendments to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until December 11, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 4, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated second and third amendments to the agreement between Qwest and New Edge. 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 second and third amendments do not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the second and third amendments and the second and third amendments are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the second and third amendments to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated second and third amendments to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of January, 2001.

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>Melaine Kalba</i></u>
Date: <u>1/12/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner