

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) APPROVAL OF FIRST AND SECOND ) AMENDMENTS TO AN INTERCONNECTION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST ) CORPORATION AND @LINK NETWORKS, ) INC. )	ORDER APPROVING FIRST AND SECOND AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT  TC01-008
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On January 22, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) first and second amendments to an interconnection agreement between @link Networks, Inc. (@link) and Qwest. The first amendment adds terms, conditions and rates for Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT). The second amendment replaces the Line Sharing Interim Agreement entered into between @link and Qwest on April 24, 2000, with the terms, conditions and rates for Line Sharing as set forth in Attachment 1 to Amendment 2.

On January 25, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the first and second amendments to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until February 12, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 21, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated first and second amendments to the agreement between Qwest and @link. 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 and second amendments do not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the first and second amendments and the first and second amendments are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the first and second amendments to the agreement. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of February, 2001.

<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><i>Aldaine Kelso</i></u>
Date:	<u>2/28/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u><i>James A. Burg</i></u> JAMES A. BURG, Chairman	<u><i>Pam Nelson</i></u> PAM NELSON, Commissioner
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