

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF STATEMENT OF GENERALLY)
AVAILABLE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR)
INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLED)
NETWORK ELEMENTS, ANCILLARY)
SERVICES AND RESALE OF)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND)
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)
SERVICES, LLC (THIRD REVISION))

**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT**

TC02-183

On November 7, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (Third Revision) (MCIMetro).

On November 14, 2002, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until November 27, 2002, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 16, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and MCIMetro. 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 agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of January, 2003.

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: Delaine Kalbo

Date: 1/28/03

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Gary Hanson

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