BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P.	)))))	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TC02-209

On December 27, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest. The agreement is amended by adding terms and conditions for CLEC-To-CLEC Connections, CLEC-To-CLEC Cross Connections and Early Access as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached to the amendment.

On January 2, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until January 16, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 20, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Sprint. 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 amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the amendment and the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of March, 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 Kolbo

Date: 3/10/03

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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