

**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**

TC08-120

On October 16, 2008, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint). The amendment is made to add terms, conditions and rates for the exchange of Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) traffic as set forth in Attachment 1 to the amendment. The sections identified in Attachment 1 have been modified, replaced entirely or are new additions to the Agreement.

On October 23, 2008, 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 November 5, 2008, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed November 12, 2008, 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 25th day of November, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Melaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>11/26/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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