

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) | ORDER APPROVING |
| APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN) | AMENDMENT TO |
| INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN) | AGREEMENT |
| QWEST CORPORATION AND MCLEODUSA) | |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.) | TC09-002 |

On January 15, 2009, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA). The amendment is made to add terms, conditions and rates pursuant to which CLEC will invoice Qwest for and Qwest will pay Wholesale Service Order Charges. The terms of the parties' agreement are set forth and specified in Attachment 1 and the Pricing Exhibit to this amendment.

On January 22, 2009, 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 February 4, 2009, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 24, 2009, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and McLeodUSA. 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 4th day of March, 2009.

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| 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>Aldine Kolbo</u> |
| Date: <u>3/5/09</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner