

**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 LEVEL 3)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT**

TC09-076

On June 5, 2009, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3). The amendment is made to add terms and conditions to accommodate CLEC's service as set forth in Attachment 1 to this amendment.

On June 11, 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 June 25, 2009, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed July 14, 2009, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Level 3. 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 21st day of July, 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>Adaine Kelbo</u> |
| Date: <u>7/22/09</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Austin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman *dk*

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner