

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR  
APPROVAL OF A WIRELINE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
QWEST COPORATION AND NEUTRAL  
TANDEM, INC. FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH  
DAKOTA**

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**ORDER APPROVING  
AGREEMENT**

**TC10-031**

On May 19, 2010, the Commission received a filing for approval of a wireline interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Neutral Tandem, Inc. (Neutral Tandem) for the state of South Dakota. Any party wishing to comment may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the Agreement no later than June 8, 2010. The Commission did not receive any comments on this matter

At its June 15, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and Neutral Tandem. 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 wireline interconnection agreement between Qwest and Neutral Tandem.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>06/24/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner