

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A ) MICRODUCT LANGUAGE AND RATE ) AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST ) CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND ) CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC )	)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT  TC16-049
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On July 14, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing for approval of a Microduct Language and Rate Update Amendment to an interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and CenturyLink Communications, LLC for the State of South Dakota. The filing was made pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252.

On July 21, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had August 2, 2016, to do so. No comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its August 16, 2016, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and CenturyLink Communications, LLC. Commission Staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the amendment to the agreement 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 amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and CenturyLink Communications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of August, 2016.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>8/19/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner