

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A )  
CARRIER PARTNER FOR INTERCONNECTED )  
VOIP PROVIDER AMENDMENT TO THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )  
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK )  
QC AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
AGREEMENT**

**TC16-060**

On October 28, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC. Level 3 Communications wishes to act as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider by providing a switch and combining Level 3 Communications' traffic with the Interconnected VoIP Provider's VoIP-PSTN Traffic. The amendment provides for the exchange such traffic with CenturyLink according to the terms of the amendment.

On November 3, 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 November 17, 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 November 22, 2016, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 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 Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28th day of November, 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>11/28/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner