

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN)
CARRIER PARTNER FOR)
INTERCONNECTED VOIP PROVIDER)
AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC)
AND NEUTRAL TANDEM-SOUTH DAKOTA,)
LLC)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT**

TC17-014

On April 12, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Neutral Tandem-South Dakota, LLC (Neutral Tandem).

On April 13, 2017, 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 until May 2, 2017, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its May 9, 2017, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem. Commission staff recommended 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)(A), 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 CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2017.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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 and mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam deHueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>5/10/17</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner