

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A)
RELATIVE USE FACTOR AMENDMENT TO AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK)
QC AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT

TC13-114**

On October 4, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Relative Use Factor Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3 Communications).

On October 10, 2013, 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 October 24, 2013, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its November 5, 2013, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications. 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), 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 Level 3 Communications.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of November, 2013.

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>Joy Lashley</u>
Date:	<u>11.08.13</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner