

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN)
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS (UNES) –)
RESALE FORBEARANCE AMENDMENT TO THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC)
AND TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA,)
LLC FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

TC20-004

On April 7, 2020, the 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 (CenturyLink) and Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport). The amendment incorporates forbearance orders FCC 19-66 and FCC 19-72, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2019.

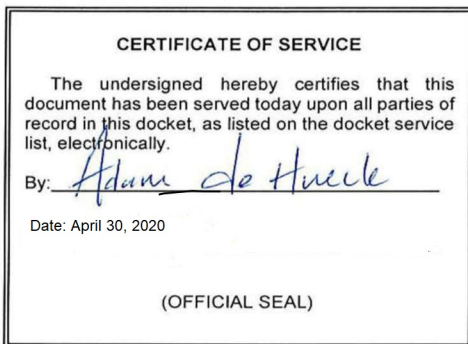
On April 9, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 29, 2020, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Teleport. 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 Interconnection 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 Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approved the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Teleport.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of April 2020.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner