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In the Matter of _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO
AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION
AND RURAL CELLULAR
CORPORATION

Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota

DATE	MEMORANDA
4/12/02	Filed and Docketed;
4/18/02	Fileably Filing;
6/7/02	Order Approving Amendment to Agreement;
6/7/02	Docket Closed.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR))	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN))	AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN))	AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND RURAL))	
CELLULAR CORPORATION))	TC02-036

On April 12, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Rural Cellular Corporation (Rural Cellular) and Qwest. The amendment is made in order to add terms and conditions for SPOP in the LATA as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached to the amendment.

On April 18, 2002, 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 May 2, 2002, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed May 30, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Rural Cellular. Commission Staff recommended its 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 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 negotiated amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of June, 2002.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Arlaine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>6/11/02</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT02-010 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Cheryl Williams, Gregory, South Dakota, against Direct One Com.Long Distance, Paysystems.Com and Long Distance USA Regarding Unauthorized Billing for Services.

Complainant states that when she ordered an item from NSI Diabetic Socks/Publishers Choice, the telemarketer attempted to sell her long distance service. Complainant told the telemarketer that she was not interested. On her December 2001, credit card statement, Complainant had two charges for long distance service. One of the charges was from Direct One and one charge was from Paysystems.Com. Complainant's January 2002, credit card statement reflected another charge for long distance service from Long Distance USA. Complainant states that other than the charges to her credit card statement, she has never received anything in the mail from any of the billing companies. Complainant requests that each company listed on her billing be fined \$1,000.00 as allowed under South Dakota law, and that the companies be stopped from deceiving South Dakota residents and using unethical practices to generate profits.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/11/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

CT02-011 In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Scott Vander Meulen, Brookings, South Dakota, against AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. Regarding a Billing Dispute.

Complainant states that the service that was offered to him by AT&T was not honored. Complainant was contacted by AT&T regarding AT&T long distance service. The representative offered Complainant a calling plan that would cost him \$12.00 per month for unlimited calls, send him a \$75.00 check, 2 \$50.00 phone cards, 4 coupons for free pizza and remove his current long distance charges. When Complainant did not pay for the unauthorized billing dispute, the account was turned over to a collection agency. Although AT&T credited \$80.29 of the charges Complainant believes that AT&T did not honor the offer that was made to him and he was signed up for a calling plan he did not agree to. Complainant requests that AT&T pay him for the remainder of the offer that he agreed to in the amount of \$159.98 plus pay him \$1,000.00 as stated in SDCL 49-31-93 for the unauthorized billing.

Staff Analyst: Mary Healy
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/15/02
Intervention Deadline: N/A

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-035 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C. and Switch 2000 L.L.C.

On April 12, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Midwest Wireless Communications, L.L.C. and Switch 2000 L.L.C. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the agreement is a negotiated agreement and is made

in order to implement the requirements of the FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68 regarding intercarrier compensation for Internet service provider (ISP) bound traffic. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than May 2, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Date Docketed: 04/12/02
Initial Comments Due: 05/02/02

TC02-036 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Rural Cellular Corporation.

On April 12, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Rural Cellular Corporation and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the agreement is a negotiated agreement and is made in order to add terms and conditions for SPOP in the LATA as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached to the amendment. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than May 2, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Date Docketed: 04/12/02
Initial Comments Due: 05/02/02

TC02-037 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company L.P.

On April 12, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Qwest Corporation. According to the parties, the agreement is a negotiated agreement and is amended by adding terms, conditions and rates for DC Power Reduction Procedure as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached to the amendment. Any party wishing to comment on the agreement may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than May 2, 2002. Parties to the agreement may file written responses to the comments no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Rolayne Ailts Wiest
Date Docketed: 04/12/02
Initial Comments Due: 05/02/02

TC02-038 In the Matter of the Application of Telenational Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Telenational Communications, Inc. (Telenational) filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. Telenational intends to provide direct dial outbound long distance service through Feature Group "D" circuits ordered by the Company.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 04/15/02
Intervention Deadline: 05/03/02

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Re: Filing of Amendment for Single Point of Presence to the Interconnection Agreement between Rural Cellular Corp. and Qwest Corporation f/k/a US WEST Communications, Inc.
Our File No. 2104.078

Dear Ms. Elofson:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are an original and ten (10) copies of Amendment for Single Point of Presence ("SPOP") to the Interconnection Agreement between Rural Cellular Corporation ("Rural Cellular") and Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("Qwest") for approval by the Commission. This is an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement between Rural Cellular and U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission effective August 5, 1998 in Docket No. TC98-096.

This Amendment is made in order to add terms and conditions for SPOP in the LATA as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached to the Amendment.

Rural Cellular has authorized Qwest to submit this Amendment on Rural Cellular's behalf.

Sincerely yours,

BOYCE MURPHY, MCDOWELL
& GREENFIELD, L.L.P.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Dean Polkow – Rural Cellular (enclosure letter only)
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**Amendment For Single Point of Presence (SPOP)
To the Interconnection Agreement
Between
Rural Cellular Corporation
and
Qwest Corporation
In the State of South Dakota**

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

This Amendment ("Amendment") is made and entered into by and between Rural Cellular Corporation ("WSP") and Qwest Corporation.

WHEREAS, WSP and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("the Agreement") for service in the state of South Dakota that was approved by the South Dakota Commission ("Commission") on August 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS, WSP and Qwest desire to amend the Agreement by adding the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Amendment Terms.

This Amendment is made in order to add terms, and conditions for Single Point of Presence ("SPOP") in the LATA as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Neither Party shall lose any of its rights from the original contract by entering into this Amendment for SPOP.

2. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, WSP must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. WSP will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

3. Further Amendments.

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Neither the Agreement nor this Amendment may be further amended or altered except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties. This Amendment shall constitute the entire Agreement between the

Parties, and supercedes all previous Agreements and Amendments entered into between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Amendment.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Rural Cellular Corporation


Authorized Signature

David J. Del Zoppo
Name Printed/Typed

VP
Title

3/20/02
Date

Qwest Corporation


Authorized Signature

L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed

Director – Business Policy
Title

3/22/02
Date

Attachment 1

Single Point of Presence (SPOP) in the LATA is a Local Interconnection Service (LIS)/Type 2 Interconnection trunking option that allows WSP to establish one physical point of presence in the LATA in Qwest's territory. Qwest and WSP may then exchange traffic at the SPOP utilizing trunking as described following.

1.1 By utilizing SPOP in the LATA, WSP can deliver both Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic and Exchange Service EAS/Local traffic at Qwest's Access Tandem Switches. WSP can also utilize Qwest's behind the tandem infrastructure to terminate traffic to specific end offices. The SPOP is defined as the WSP's physical point of presence.

1.2 SPOP in the LATA includes an Entrance Facility (EF), Expanded Interconnect Channel Termination (EICT), or Mid Span Meet POI and Direct Trunked Transport (DTT) options available at both a DS1 and DS3 capacity.

1.3 Where there is a Qwest local tandem serving an end office that WSP intends to terminate traffic, the following conditions apply:

1.3.1 All local trunking must be ordered to the Qwest local tandem for the Qwest end office served by the Qwest local tandem, subject to the 512 CCS rules. Alternatively, the WSP may choose to use the Qwest access tandem for local traffic in those circumstances where the traffic volumes (less than 512 CCS) do not justify direct connection to the Qwest local tandem. When there is a DS1's worth of local traffic (512 CCS) between the WSP's SPOP and those Qwest end offices subtending a Qwest local tandem, WSP will order a direct trunk group to the Qwest local tandem.

1.3.1.1 When a WSP has an NXX that subtends a local tandem, but the anticipated traffic to and from the NXX is less than 1 DS1s (512 CCS) worth of traffic, the WSP may choose to use the access tandem for local traffic in the circumstances described above in 1.3.1. The WSP will be required to submit an electronic letter on WSP letterhead to Qwest stating at which local tandems they will not interconnect. This letter should include, the local tandem CLLI(s) and the WSP specific NPA-NXXs for the local tandems. In addition, WSP will provide a revised electronic letter to Qwest of any changes in the network configuration or addition/deletions of NPA-NXXs of the aforementioned local tandems.

1.3.2 Connections to a Qwest local tandem may be two-way or one-way trunks. These trunks will carry Exchange Service EAS/Local traffic only.

1.3.3 A separate trunk group to the Qwest access tandem is necessary for the exchange of non-local Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) traffic and jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic.

1.4 Where there is no Qwest local tandem serving a Qwest end office, WSP may choose from one of the following options:

1.4.1 A two-way WSP LIS/Type 2 trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for WSP traffic terminating to, originating from, or passing through the Qwest network that combines Exchange Service EAS/ Local, Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic.

1.4.2 A two-way WSP LIS/Type 2 trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for WSP Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic terminating to and originating from the IXC Feature Group (FG) A/B/D network through the Qwest network and an additional two-way trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for the combined Exchange Service EAS/ Local and Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) traffic terminating to, originating from, and transiting the Qwest network.

1.4.2.1 If the WSP uses two way trunking, Qwest will send all Exchange Service EAS/Local, Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic delivered to the Qwest access tandem on the same combined trunk.

1.4.3 A one-way terminating WSP LIS/Type 2 trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for WSP traffic destined to or through the Qwest network that combines Exchange Service EAS/Local, Exchange Access (Intra LATA Toll Non-IXC) and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic.

1.4.4 WSP may utilize a one-way LIS/Type 2 trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA IXC) traffic terminating to the IXC FG A/B/D network through the Qwest network, and an additional one-way trunk group to the Qwest access tandem for the combined Exchange Service EAS/ Local, Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) traffic terminating to, originating from, and transiting the Qwest network.

1.4.4.1 If WSP orders either of the above one-way trunk options, Qwest will return the traffic via one combined Exchange Service EAS/ Local, and Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll Non-IXC) trunk group.

1.4.5 To the extent Qwest combines Exchange Service (EAS/Local), Exchange Access (IntraLATA Toll carried solely by Local Exchange Carriers), and Jointly Provided Switched Access (InterLATA and IntraLATA calls exchanged with a third-party IXC) traffic on a single LIS/Type 2 trunk group, Qwest, at WSP's request, will declare a percent local use factor (PLU). Such PLU(s) will be verifiable with either call summary records utilizing Calling Party Number information for jurisdictionalization or call detail samples. WSP should apportion per minute of use (MOU) charges appropriately.

1.5 WSP must have SS7 functionality to use SPOP in the LATA.

Qwest assumes WSP will be originating traffic destined for end users served by each Qwest access tandem in the LATA, therefore, WSP must order LIS/Type 2 trunking to each Qwest access tandem in the LATA to accommodate routing of this traffic. Additionally, when there is more than one Qwest access tandem within the LATA boundary, the WSP must order LIS/Type 2 trunking to each Qwest access tandem that serves its end-user customers' traffic to avoid call blocking. Alternatively, should the WSP accept the conditions as outlined in the SPOP Waiver (Exhibit A), trunking will not be required to each Qwest access tandem in a

multi-access tandem LATA. Should the WSP not be utilizing the option of interconnecting at the access tandem for local, due to low volume of local traffic under the circumstances described in 1.3.1, WSP needs trunking only to each local tandem where they have a customer base. The 512 CCS rule and other direct trunking requirements will apply for direct trunking to Qwest end offices.

1.6 If Direct Trunked Transport is greater than 50 miles in length, and existing facilities are not available in either Party's network, and the Parties cannot agree as to which Party will provide the facility, the Parties will construct facilities to a mid-point of the span.

1.7 SPOP in the LATA cannot be used in conjunction with existing WSP LIS/Type 2 trunking that connects to Qwest's end office switches with tandem functionality.

1.8 Ordering

1.8.1 SPOP in a LATA will be ordered based upon the standard ordering process for the type of facility chosen. See the Qwest Interconnection and Resale Resource Guide for further ordering information.

1.8.2 WSP will issue ASRs to disconnect/new connect existing access tandem trunk groups to convert them to SPOP trunk groups.

1.8.3 In addition, the ASR ordering SPOP trunks will include SPOP Remarks "Single POP in LATA " and the SPEC Field must carry "SPOLATA ."

EXHIBIT A
SINGLE POINT OF PRESENCE WAIVER

Qwest will waive the requirement for WSP to connect to each Qwest Access Tandem in the LATA with this waiver amendment.

WSP certifies that it will not originate any traffic destined for subtending offices of Qwest's Access Tandems for which WSP seeks a waiver. Or, if WSP does originate such traffic, that WSP will route such traffic to a Non-Qwest network. In addition, WSP certifies that it has no end users in the serving area of the Qwest Access Tandem for which WSP seeks a waiver.

WSP will send an electronic letter to Qwest indicating the Qwest access tandems subject to this waiver at the time of ordering trunks required to implement SPOP in the LATA. In addition, WSP will provide a revised electronic letter to Qwest advising of any changes in the network configuration of the aforementioned access tandems. Should WSP desire to begin serving end users in the serving area of a Qwest access tandem currently under this waiver, WSP must first establish trunking to the Qwest access tandem. Additionally, should WSP desire to originate traffic destined to a Qwest end office subtending a Qwest access tandem currently under this waiver, WSP must first establish trunking to the Qwest access tandem.

Under this waiver any WSP originated traffic destined for an end office subtending a Qwest tandem under this waiver will be billed separately, by Qwest to WSP, via a manual bill.

Misrouted usage under this waiver will be billed, a penalty of \$.21 per MOU.

Additionally, a manual handling fee of \$100 or 10% of total billing, whichever is greater, will be charged for each such manual bill rendered.

Late Payment charges will apply as outlined in the existing Interconnection Agreement currently in effect between the Parties.

Should this traffic occur, the Parties agree to meet within forty-five (45) days of Qwest's identification of such misrouted traffic to discuss methods for avoiding future misrouting on that trunk group or groups. WSP will then have thirty (30) days from the date of meeting to correct such misrouting on that trunk group or groups. If further misrouting occurs or continues after that date on the same trunk group or groups as the original misrouting identified, the Parties agree to meet again within thirty (30) days of Qwest's identification of such misrouted traffic to discuss methods for avoiding future misrouting on that trunk group or groups. WSP will then have thirty (30) days from the date of meeting to correct such misrouting. If further misrouting occurs or continues after that date on the same trunk group or groups, Qwest will consider this waiver null and void and all requirements in Attachment 1 or in the existing Interconnection Agreement currently in effect between the Parties will be reinstated. If the parties disagree about whether the traffic identified by Qwest was actually misrouted, the Parties agree to avail themselves of the dispute resolution provision of their interconnection agreement. Nothing in this provision affects or alters in any way WSP's obligation to pay the rates, the manual handling fee, and the late payment charges specified above for misrouted traffic.