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Debra Elofson, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota
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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

VIA UPS OVERNIGHT

Re: Filing of Rate Change Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.
Our File No. 2104.078

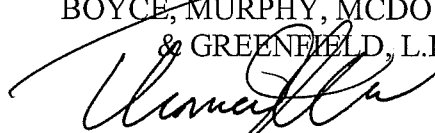
Dear Ms. Elofson:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:32:21 enclosed for filing are the original and ten (10) copies of the rate change amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeod") and Qwest Corporation f/k/a U S WEST Communications ("Qwest") for approval by the Commission. This amendment was faxed to you on Thursday, September 20th. This is an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission effective July 23, 1999 in Docket No. TC99-057.

This is intended to amend the amendment approved on or about January 24, 2001 by adding the attached language to the end of Section 1.11 and by replacing the platform recurring rates column with the attached chart.

McLeod has authorized Qwest to submit this Agreement on McLeod's behalf.

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



Thomas J. Welk

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Laurainne Harding – McLeod (enclosure letter only)
Ms. Colleen Sevold
Ms. Mary Sullivan (enclosure letter only)

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT **SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("McLeod") and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") (collectively, the "Parties") are signatories to an Interconnection Agreement in the State of South Dakota. That Interconnection Agreement has been amended by the Parties from time to time, including an Amendment approved on or about January 24 2001. The Parties agree to amend that Amendment as follows:

In the body of the Amendment, add the following at the end of Section 1.11:

"In accordance with Section 1.10, Qwest hereby gives advance written notice of the termination of this Amendment, effective December 31, 2003. The parties agree to meet to discuss McLeodUSA's (as defined in this Agreement, as amended) conversion plans no later than July 1, 2003.

In the event that McLeodUSA does not, by December 31, 2003, convert some or all of its services, as described in this Section 1.11, the prices set forth in Attachment 3.2 of the Interconnection Agreement Amendment Terms, dated October 26, 2000, ("Prior Amendment") and not the prices set forth on Attachment 3.2 hereto, shall apply to all such services that McLeodUSA has failed to so convert. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as agreement or assent on the part of Qwest to provide to McLeodUSA, or any other party, subsequent to December 31, 2003, the services known as "UNE-M" described in and made available pursuant to the Prior Amendment; provided, such services shall continue to be provided to McLeodUSA during a commercially reasonable conversion period."

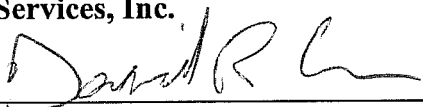
In Attachment 3.2, under the heading "Prices for Offering", replace the "Platform recurring" rates column with the following:

Platform recurring rates,
effective on September 20, 2002 and ending December 31,
2003:

AZ	\$ 20.61
CO	27.05
IA	22.47
ID	26.25
MN	24.50
MT	31.85
ND	22.54
NE	22.06
NM	26.86
OR	26.90
SD	28.45
UT	21.86
WA	21.16
WY	32.29

Apart from the foregoing, all other terms and conditions of the IA, as amended, including without limitation, the term thereof, shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications
Services, Inc.**



Authorized Signature

David R. Conn

Name Printed/Typed

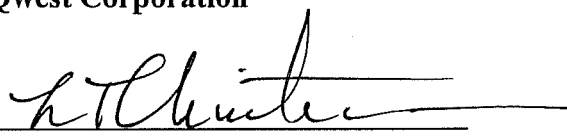
Vice President

Title

September 19, 2002

Date

Qwest Corporation



Authorized Signature

L. Christensen

Name Printed/Typed

Director

Title

9/19/02

Date

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

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For the Period of September 19, 2002 through September 25, 2002

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-160 In the Matter of the Application of All-Star Acquisition Corporation for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

All-Star Acquisition Corporation has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant intends to provide resold intrastate telecommunications services, including MTS, in-WATS, out-WATS, and Calling Card services throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/19/02
Intervention Deadline: 10/11/02

TC02-161 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On September 20, 2002, the Commission received for approval a Filing of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc. According to the parties, this is an Amendment to the negotiated Interconnection Agreement which was approved by the Commission effective July 23, 1999, in Docket No. TC99-057. The filing is intended to amend the Amendment approved on or about January 24, 2001, by adding language to the end of section 1.11 and by replacing the platform recurring rates column with the chart which was attached to the filing. 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 October 10, 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: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/20/02
Initial Comments Due: 10/10/02

TC02-162 In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff.

On September 23, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed revised pages from its Access Services Tariff. The revisions introduce Managed Long Distance Service (MLD) for interexchange carriers. MLD is a wholesale platform service offered by Qwest to IXCs to monitor and control long distance spending of end-users. Qwest requests an effective date of October 14, 2002.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney
Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer
Date Docketed: 09/23/02
Intervention Deadline: 10/11/02

TC02-163 In the Matter of the Application of Buyers United Inc. for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

Buyers United Inc. has filed an application for a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The applicant will provide service under Buyers United Inc., BuyersOnline, and United Carrier Networks. The applicant intends to resell intrastate long distance and provide in a limited capacity, internet services throughout South Dakota.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/23/02
Intervention Deadline: 10/11/02

TC02-164 In the Matter of the Application of NobelTel, LLC for a Certificate of Authority to Provide Interexchange Telecommunications Services in South Dakota.

NobelTel LLC is seeking a Certificate of Authority to provide interexchange telecommunications services in South Dakota. The Applicant intends to offer a full range of interexchange services on a resale basis. Services include direct and dial-around outbound dialing, toll free inbound dialing, directory assistance, data services, travel card services and prepaid calling card services.

Staff Analyst: Keith Senger
Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/24/02
Intervention Deadline: 10/11/02

TC02-165 In the Matter of the Filing for Approval of Amendments to Interconnection Agreements between Qwest Corporation and Covad Communications Company and Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On September 25, 2002, the Commission received a Petition for Approval of Amendments to Interconnection Agreements regarding the following Agreements: 1) U S WEST Service Level Agreement with Covad Communications Co. dated April 19, 2000; 2) Confidential Billing Settlement Agreement Between U S WEST and McLeodUSA dated April 28, 2000; 3) Confidential Settlement Agreement Between U S WEST and McLeodUSA dated May 1, 2000; and 4) Confidential Agreement Between McLeodUSA and Qwest dated October 26, 2000. According to Qwest, the company is petitioning the Commission to approve the attached agreements such that, to the extent any active provisions of such agreements relate to Section 251(b) or (c), they are formally available to other CLECs under Section 252(i) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. Qwest reserved the right to demonstrate that one or more of these agreements need not have been filed in the event of an enforcement action in this area. 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 October 15, 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: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/25/02
Initial Comments Due: 10/15/02

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN) QWEST CORPORATION AND MCLEODUSA) TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC.)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TC02-161
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On September 20, 2002, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between McleodUSA Telecommunications Services (McleodUSA) and Qwest. The amendment is made to add language to the end of section 1.11 by replacing the platform recurring rates column with the chart which was attached to the filing.

On September 26, 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 October 10, 2002, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed October 17, 2002, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and McleodUSA. 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 28th day of October, 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>Tina Douglas</u>
Date: <u>October 28, 2002</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner