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Pamela Bonrud, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission of the State of South Dakota
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and
New Rochelle Telephone Corp. for the State of South Dakota

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

Please find enclosed for filing for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 an original and 10 copies of the Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and New Rochelle Telephone Corp. for the State of South Dakota. New Rochelle Telephone Corp. is adopting the Interconnection Agreement between Covista, Inc. and Qwest Corporation which was approved by the Commission on August 26, 2004, TC 04-113.

Contact information for New Rochelle Telephone Corp. is as follows:

Mr. Paul Riss, President and CEO
New Rochelle Telephone Corp.
75 South Broadway, Suite 302
White Plains, NY 10601
Telephone: 914-682-4650

We have also enclosed an extra copy of this filing letter. Please date stamp the extra copy of this letter and return to us for our files.

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Melissa K. Thompson

Enclosures

cc: Colleen Sevold (w/o enclosure)
Paul Riss (w/o enclosure)



January 26, 2005

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Mr. Paul Riss
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75 South Broadway, Suite 302
White Plains, NY 10601
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Dear Mr. Riss :

We have received your request that, under Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, New Rochelle Telephone Corp. ("CLEC") wishes to adopt in its entirety, the terms of the Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, (the "Underlying Agreement") between Covista, Inc. and Qwest Corporation fka U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("Qwest") that was approved by the Commission on August 21, 2004 as an effective agreement in the State of South Dakota. CLEC is incorporated in the state of New York. We understand you have a complete copy of the Underlying Agreement.

By their respective signatures below, Qwest and CLEC ("the Parties") intend that this letter serve as their agreement ("Letter Agreement") for CLEC to adopt the Underlying Agreement under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Parties acknowledge that Qwest believes that the Underlying Agreement no longer accurately reflects the state of the law regarding certain of Qwest's interconnection and unbundling obligations and that, accordingly, Qwest does not believe that it is obligated to allow CLEC to adopt the Underlying Agreement without a corresponding amendment that Qwest believes will bring the Underlying Agreement into compliance with current law. Qwest therefore has prepared and provided to CLEC the attached "TRO/USTA II Amendment," which Qwest believes brings the Underlying Agreement into compliance with current law. Accordingly, the Parties agree to execute and file for Commission approval the attached "TRO/USTA II Amendment" contemporaneously with this Letter Agreement, which amendment thereafter will serve as an amendment to this Letter Agreement.
2. The Parties shall request the Commission to expedite its review and approval of this Letter Agreement. This Letter Agreement shall become effective upon such approval. If for some reason the Commission rejects all or part of the Letter Agreement, including the attached TRO/USTA II Amendment, either party may at its option declare the remainder of the Agreement void and be excused from any performance thereunder.
3. Notwithstanding the mutual commitments set forth herein, the Qwest is entering into this Letter Agreement without prejudice to any positions it has taken previously, or may take in the future, in any legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including those relating to the types of arrangements contained in the Underlying Agreement. During the proceeding in which the Commission is to review and approve the Letter Agreement, Qwest may point out that it has objected, and continues to object, to the inclusion of the terms and

conditions to which it objected in the proceedings involving the approval of the Underlying Agreement.

4. CLEC adopts the terms and conditions of the Underlying Agreement for interconnection with Qwest and in applying the terms and conditions, agrees that New Rochelle Telephone Corp. be substituted in place of "Covista, Inc." throughout the Underlying Agreement wherever the latter appears.

5. Qwest requests that notice to Qwest Corporation as may be required under the Underlying Agreement shall be provided as follows:

Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Agreements
1801 California Street, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202
303-965-3029
Email – IntAgree@qwest.com

With copy to:
Qwest Corporation Law Department
Attention: General Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80202

CLEC requests that notice to CLEC as may be required under the Underlying Agreement shall be provided as follows:

New Rochelle Telephone Corp.
Mr. Paul Riss
President and CEO
75 South Broadway, Suite 302
White Plains, NY 10601
Phone 914-682-4650
Fax - 775-743-6194
Email -pkriss@newroctel.com

6. CLEC represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local dialtone service in the State of South Dakota and that this Agreement will cover services in that state only.

7. Please sign all three original copies of this letter, and overnight them within ninety 90 days to:

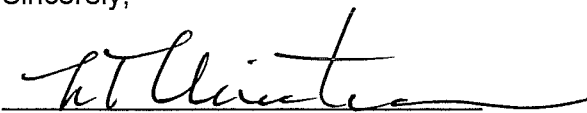
Qwest Corporation
Manager of Interconnection
1801 California St, Suite 2420
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-965-3029

After ninety (90) days Qwest may rescind its willingness to consider the Agreement's terms and conditions.

8. Please note that Qwest will file this Letter Agreement with the appropriate state commission for approval; however, some state commissions will not approve the Letter Agreement until the CLEC is certified by the state commission. You may want to contact the appropriate state commission to determine the requisite filing guidelines.

Sincerely,

Date

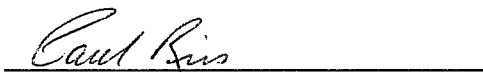


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Qwest Corporation
L.T. Christensen
Director – Interconnection Agreements
1801 California Street, Suite 24th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80202

I agree to all terms and conditions contained in this letter as indicated by my signature below:

New Rochelle Telephone Corp.



Signature

Paul Riss

Name

President and CEO

Title

1/26/05

Date