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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: LNP Managed Cut Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement
between Qwest Corporation and XO Communications Services, Inc.
for the State of South Dakota

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 is the LNP Managed Cut Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and XO Communications Services, Inc. for the State of South Dakota.

Contact information for XO Communications Services, Inc. is as follows:

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jason D. Topp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: Rex Knowles (via e-mail)
Colleen Sevold

**LNP Managed Cut Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
XO Communications Services, Inc. (f.k.a. XO Network Services, Inc.)
for the State of North Dakota**

This is an Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”), a Colorado corporation, and XO Communications Services, Inc. (f.k.a. XO Network Services, Inc.) (“CLEC”). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the (“Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into a Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT) for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services (the “Agreement”) for service in the state of North Dakota which was fully executed on December 31, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement further under 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:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms, conditions and rates for LNP Managed Cut as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Rates in Exhibit A shall be updated to reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

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, CLEC must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. CLEC will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met. Additionally, Qwest shall implement any necessary billing changes within two (2) billing cycles after the latest execution date of this Amendment, with a true-up back to the latest execution date of this Amendment by the end of the second billing cycle. The Parties agree that so long as Qwest implements the billing changes and the true-up as set forth above, the CLEC's bills shall be deemed accurate and adjusted without error.

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

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.

XO Communications Services, Inc.


Signature Heather B. Gold
SVP-Government Relations
Name Printed/Typed XO Communications, Inc.

Title
3/26/06
Date

Qwest Corporation


Signature
L. T. Christensen
Name Printed/Typed

Director – Interconnection Agreements
Title
4/3/06
Date

ATTACHMENT 1 LNP MANAGED CUT

10.2.5.4 LNP Managed Cut With CLEC-Provided Loop: A managed cut permits CLEC to select a project managed cut for LNP. Managed cuts are offered on a 24 X 7 basis.

10.2.5.4.1 The date and time for the managed cut requires up-front planning and may need to be coordinated between Qwest and CLEC. All requests will be processed on a first come, first served basis and are subject to Qwest's ability to meet a reasonable demand. Considerations such as system downtime, Switch upgrades, Switch maintenance, and the possibility of other CLECs requesting the same FDT in the same End Office Switch (Switch contention) must be reviewed. In the event that any of these situations would occur, Qwest will coordinate with CLEC for an agreed upon FDT, prior to issuing the Firm Order Confirmation (FOC). In special cases where a FDT must be agreed upon, the interval to reach agreement will not exceed two (2) days. In addition, standard intervals will apply.

10.2.5.4.2 CLEC shall request a managed cut by submitting a Local Service Request (LSR) and designating this order as a managed cut in the remarks section of the LSR form.

10.2.5.4.3 CLEC will incur additional charges for the managed cut dependent upon the FDT. The rates are based upon whether the request is within Qwest's normal business hours or out of hours. Qwest's normal business hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., End User Customer local time, Monday through Friday. The rate for managed cuts during normal business hours is the standard rate. The rate for managed cuts out of hours, except for Sundays and Holidays, is the overtime rate. Sundays and Holidays are at premium rate.

10.2.5.4.4 Charges for managed cuts shall be based upon actual hours worked in one-half (½) hour increments. Exhibit A of this Amendment contains the rates for managed cuts. CLEC understands and agrees that in the event CLEC does not make payment for managed cuts, unless disputed as permitted under the Payment Section of the Agreement, Qwest shall not accept any new LSR requests for managed cuts.

10.2.5.4.5 Qwest will schedule the appropriate number of employees prior to the cut, normally not to exceed three (3) employees, based upon information provided by CLEC. CLEC will also have appropriate personnel scheduled for the negotiated FDT. If CLEC's information is modified during the cut, and, as a result, non-scheduled employees are required, CLEC shall be charged a three (3) hour minimum callout charge per each additional non-scheduled employee. If the cut is either cancelled, or supplemented to change the Due Date, within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, CLEC will be charged a one person three (3) hour minimum charge. If the cut is cancelled due to a Qwest error or a new Due Date is requested by Qwest within twenty-four (24) hours of the negotiated FDT, Qwest may be charged by CLEC one person three (3) hour minimum charge as set forth in Exhibit A.

10.2.5.4.6 In the event that the LNP managed cut conversion is not successful, CLEC and Qwest agree to isolate and fix the problem in a timeframe acceptable to CLEC or the End User Customer. If the problem cannot be corrected within an acceptable timeframe to CLEC or the End User Customer, CLEC may request the restoration of Qwest service for the ported End User Customer. Such restoration shall begin immediately upon request. If CLEC is in error then a supplemental order shall be provided to Qwest. If Qwest is in error, no supplemental order or additional order will be required of CLEC.

10.2.5.4.7 Qwest shall ensure that any LNP order activity requested in conjunction with a managed cut shall be implemented in a manner that avoids interrupting service to the End User Customer, including, without limitation, ensuring that the End User Customer's Qwest Loop will not be disconnected prior to confirmation that CLEC's Loop has been successfully installed.

North Dakota

Deaveraged rates approved per Stipulated Agreement in Docket PU-314-97-12.

Below is a breakdown of wire center per zone:

Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3
Bismarck		Casselton		Alexander
Dickinson		Grafton		Belfield
Fargo		Larimore		Emerado
Grand Forks		Lisbon		Fairmount
Jamestown		Mayville		Gardner
Mandan		Valley City		Gwinner
Wahpeton				Hatton
West Fargo				Hillsboro
Williston				Kindred
				Leonard
				Manvel
				Minto
				Northwood
				Pembina
				Reynolds
				Thompson
				Watford
				Wyndmere