

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK)
QC AND CLEAR RATE COMMUNICATIONS,)
INC. FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)**

**ORDER APPROVAL
AGREEMENT**

TC21-018

On May 5, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an adoption of the Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) by Clear Rate Communications, Inc (Clear Rate) adopting the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Valley Communications, Inc. dba Valley FiberCom (Valley FiberCom). The original interconnection agreement was approved by the Commission in Docket TC18-060 on January 3, 2019.

On May 6, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the adoption of the Agreement to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until May 25, 2021, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its June 10, 2021, Commission Meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the adoption by Clear Rate of the interconnection agreement between CenturyLink and Valley FiberCom. 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), the Commission found that the Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the adoption of the Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the adoption of the Agreement between CenturyLink and Clear Rate.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 15th day of June 2021.

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, electronically.
By: <u>Adam Gelfueck</u>
Date: <u>6/15/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner