

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE UNBUNDLING AND RESALE ) REQUIREMENTS AMENDMENT TO THE ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ) QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC ) AND PEERLESS NETWORK OF SOUTH DAKOTA, ) LLC FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING ) REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT ) TO INTERCONNECTION ) AGREEMENT )  TC21-019</b>
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On May 5, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of the FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC. The Amendment incorporates forbearance orders FCC 19-66 and FCC 19-72, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2019.

On May 6, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that initial comments were due May 25, 2021. No comments were filed. On June 11, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Approving Amendment to Interconnection Agreement. On July 13, 2021, CenturyLink filed a letter regarding a Replacement Amendment to the Agreement.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 3, 2021, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Replacement Amendment between CenturyLink and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission found that the Replacement Amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Replacement Amendment and the Replacement Amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>8/4/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner