

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNBUNDLING AND RESALE ) REQUIREMENTS AMENDMENT TO THE ) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ) QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND ) NORTHERN VALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR ) THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )	ORDER APPROVING REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  TC21-024
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On May 19, 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 Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Northern Valley Communications, LLC.

On May 20, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that initial comments were due June 8, 2021. No comments were filed. On June 15, 2021, the Commission issued an Order Approving Amendment to Interconnection Agreement. On July 13, 2021, CenturyLink filed a letter regarding 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 August 3, 2021, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Northern Valley Communications, LLC. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission found that the Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement and the Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement 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 Commission approves the FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Northern Valley Communications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<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>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>08/05/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner