

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE BATCH HOT CUT REMOVAL )  
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION )  
DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND TELEPORT )  
COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC )  
)

ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT

TC21-087

On July 8, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of the Batch Hot Cut Removal Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Teleport Communications America, LLC.

On July 15, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the 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 July 28, 2021. No comments were filed.

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

At its September 14, 2021, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Teleport Communications America, LLC. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission found that the 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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Teleport Communications America, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 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>09/20/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner