

**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) SPECTROTEL, INC. DBA ONETOUCH) COMMUNICATIONS DBA TOUCH BASE) COMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER APPROVING REPLACEMENT AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TC21-091
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On July 9, 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 Spectrotel, Inc. dba OneTouch Communications dba Touch Base Communications (Spectrotel). The Amendment incorporates forbearance orders FCC 19-66 and FCC19-72, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2019.

On July 15, 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 July 29, 2021. No comments were filed. On July 19, 2021, CenturyLink filed a letter regarding a Replacement Amendment to the Interconnection 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 Replacement Amendment between CenturyLink and Spectrotel. 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 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Spectrotel, Inc. dba OneTouch Communications dba Touch Base Communications is hereby approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of August 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 or by mail.

By: Adam Detwiler

Date: 8/5/21

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner