

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A )  
CARRIER PARTNER FOR )  
INTERCONNECTED VOIP PROVIDER )  
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST )  
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC )  
AND MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS )  
FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT**

**TC21-123**

On November 29, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications.

On December 2, 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 December 20, 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 December 21, 2021, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), 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 voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 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 and mail.
By: <u>Adam de Huelck</u>
Date: <u>12/23/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner