

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA)
CENTURYLINK QC AND SIMWOOD INC.)
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**ORDER APPROVING
AGREEMENT

TC22-004**

On February 11, 2022, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC) and Simwood Inc. for the State of South Dakota.

On February 17, 2022, 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 March 3, 2022. 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 March 15, 2022, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and Simwood Inc. Commission staff recommended approval.

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

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink QC and Simwood Inc.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of March 2022.

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 and mail.
By: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>3/18/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner