

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN )  
FCC MODERNIZING UNBUNDLING AND )  
RESALE REQUIREMENTS AMENDMENT )  
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA )  
CENTURYLINK QC AND GRANITE )  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC FOR THE )  
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
)

ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT

TC22-062

On October 27, 2022, 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 between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC. The amendment incorporates FCC Order 20-152 a Report and Order in WC Docket 19-308 for the Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next Generation Networks and Services, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2020 and became effective February 8, 2021.

On November 3, 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 November 16, 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 regularly scheduled meeting of November 18, 2022, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC. 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 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 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: Amelia M. Reiss

Date: November 21, 2022

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

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Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner