

**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) METROPOLITAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF SOUTH) DAKOTA INC. FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TC22-063
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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 an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.

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 Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc. 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 Metropolitan Telecommunications of South Dakota Inc.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd 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: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: <u>11/23/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner