

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A FCC)
MODERNIZING UNBUNDLING AND RESALE)
REQUIREMENTS AMENDMENT TO THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
CENTURYLINK QC AND DISHNET LLC)
)

ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT

TC22-002

On January 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 (CenturyLink) and dishNet Wireline, 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 February 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 February 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 February 18, 2022, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and dishNet Wireline, LLC. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2)(A), 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 unanimously voted 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 and dishNet Wireline, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of February 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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHuel</u>
Date: <u>2/23/22</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner