

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN) ILEC-CLEC MID-SPAN MEET POI AMENDMENT) TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA) CENTURYLINK QC AND SSTELECOM, INC. DBA) ITC FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TC23-044
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On September 6, 2023, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an ILEC-CLEC Mid-Span Meet POI Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and SSTELECOM, INC. dba ITC for the State of South Dakota.

On September 7, 2023, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Agreement to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request had until September 25, 2023, to do so. 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 October 10, 2023, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and SSTELECOM, INC. dba ITC.

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

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the ILEC-CLEC Mid-Span Meet POI Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and SSTELECOM, INC. dba ITC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of October 2023.

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><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u>
Date: <u><i>12 October 2023</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner