

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) APPROVAL OF A SECOND AMENDMENT TO) AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) BETWEEN MIDCO COMMUNICATIONS, INC.) D.B.A. MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS,) INC. AND QWEST CORPORATION)	ORDER APPROVING SECOND AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TC00-126
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On August 18, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a second amendment to an interconnection agreement between MIDCO Communications, Inc. d.b.a. MidContinent Communications, Inc. (Midco) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The second amendment adds terms and conditions for unbundled dedicated interoffice transport.

On August 24, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the second amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until September 7, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed September 13, 2000, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated second amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Midco. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the second amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the second amendment and the second amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the second amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated second amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of September, 2000.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Delmar Kolbe</i></u>
Date: <u>9/20/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner