

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO AN)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN)
QWEST CORPORATION AND BLACK HILLS)
FIBERCOM, INC.)

ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENTS TO
AGREEMENT

TC01-161

On October 17, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) amendments to an interconnection agreement between Black Hills FiberCom, Inc. n/k/a Black Hills FiberCom, L.L.C. (Black Hills) and Qwest. The Enhanced Extended Loop Amendment is made in order to add terms and conditions and rates for Enhanced Extended Loop to the Agreement, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibits A, B and C, attached to the Amendment. The Internet Service Provider Amendment is made in order to add to the Agreement the terms and conditions contained in Attachments 1 and 2, attached to the Amendment.

On October 18, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendments to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until November 6, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed November 27, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendments to the agreement between Qwest and Black Hills. 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 amendments do not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the amendments and the amendments are consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendments to the agreement. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of December, 2001.

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>Devinne Kolbo</i></u>
Date:	<u>12/6/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner