

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO A ) WIRELINE ADOPTION AGREEMENT ) BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND ) HOULTON ENTERPRISES, INC. D/B/A ) GUARANTEED PHONE SERVICE )	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT  TC03-070
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On April 17, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to a wireline adoption agreement between Houlton Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Guaranteed Phone Service (Houlton) and Qwest. The amendment to the wireline adoption agreement for Voice Traffic - 251(b)(5) Reciprocal Compensation is made in order to reflect the FCC Order on Remand and Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68 (Intercarrier Compensation for ISP Bound Traffic).

On April 24, 2003, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until May 7, 2003, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed June 3, 2003, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Houlton. 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 amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the amendment and the amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

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

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Debra Kolbo</i></u>
Date: <u>6/10/03</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Robert K. Sahr*  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner