

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF A MASTER SERVICES )	AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST )	
CORPORATION AND MCLEODUSA )	TC05-022
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. )	

On February 22, 2005, the Commission received for approval a filing of a Master Services Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA).

On February 24, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until March 14, 2005, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed March 29, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and McLeodUSA. 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 agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

<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>Rebecca Kallis</u>
Date: <u>4/8/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr  
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson  
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner