

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )  
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )  
QWEST CORPORATION AND VCI COMPANY )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
AGREEMENT  
TC06-003**

On January 11, 2006, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an amendment to an interconnection agreement between VCI Company (VCI) and Qwest. The amendment is made to delete the following sentences from Section 5.4.5 of the Agreement: "Repeatedly delinquent" means any payment received thirty (30) calendar days or more after the payment due date, three (3) or more times during a twelve (12) month period. The deposit may not exceed the estimated total monthly charges for an average two (2) month period within the 1<sup>st</sup> three (3) months for all services. And replacing it with the following: "Repeatedly delinquent" means any payment received fifteen (15) calendar days or more after the payment due date, three (3) or more times during a twelve (12) month period. The deposit may not exceed the estimated total monthly charges for an average two (2) month period within the most recent three (3) months for all services.

On January 12, 2006, 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 January 31, 2006, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed February 28, 2006, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and VCI. 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

<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>Tina Douglas</u>
Date: <u>3-20-06</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Robert K. Sahr

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

Dustin M. Johnson

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner