

**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 MIDCO) COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A) MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS)	ORDER APPROVING) AMENDMENT TO) AGREEMENT) TC06-201
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On December 19, 2006, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Midco Communications, Inc. d/b/a Midcontinent Communications (Midcontinent). The amendment is made by replacing the existing Collocation Section in its entirety with the attached terms, conditions and rates as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A to this amendment.

On December 21, 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 8, 2007, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed March 27, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest and Midcontinent. 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 10th day of April, 2007.

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, electronically.	
By:	<u>Melaine Kalbo</u>
Date:	_____
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner