

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST FOR )  
TERMINATION OF THE WHOLESALE SERVICE )  
ORDER CHARGE AMENDMENT TO THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )  
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC )  
AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
SERVICES, INC. DBA PAETEC BUSINESS )  
SERVICES DBA WINDSTREAM )  
COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH )  
DAKOTA )

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT**

**TC12-100**

On June 21, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. dba PAETEC Business Services dba Windstream Communications for the State of South Dakota (Windstream).

On June 28, 2012, 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 July 11, 2012, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its August 28, 2012, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Windstream. Commission Staff recommended 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 to the agreement 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 amendment to the interconnection agreement between CenturyLink and Windstream.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

<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, electronically.
By: <u>Joy Harvey</u>
Date: <u>Sept. 6, 2012</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner