

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A)
LIFELINE/LINK UP AND TRIBAL LIFELINE)
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND)
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS)

**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDMENT TO
AGREEMENT**

TC16-055

On September 16, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Lifeline/Link Up and Tribal Lifeline Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications for the State of South Dakota.

On September 22, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the amendment to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until October 6, 2016, to do so. No comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its October 11, 2016, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications. Commission Staff recommended approval.

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 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Midcontinent Communications.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of October, 2016.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam Dettreck</u>
Date: <u>10/12/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner