

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN )  
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS )  
CONSTRUCTION AMENDMENT TO THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )  
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK )  
QC AND GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS )  
LLC )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
AGREEMENT**

**TC17-068**

On December 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a CLEC-Requested Unbundled Network Elements Construction Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Granite Telecommunications, LLC (Granite) for the State of South Dakota.

On December 7, 2017, 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 December 21, 2017, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its January 3, 2018, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Granite. 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)(A), 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 Granite.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of January 2018.

<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 and mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Cramer</u>
Date: <u>01/04/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner