

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A ) THIRD-PARTY TRANSIT PROVIDER ) AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST ) CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC ) AND PEERLESS NETWORK OF SOUTH ) DAKOTA, LLC )	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT  TC18-016
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On May 17, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Third-Party Transit Provider Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC. The purpose of the amendment is to provide the conditions under which CenturyLink and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC (Peerless) may use a Third-Party Transit Provider to indirectly exchange traffic between their networks. On July 9, 2018, a new Third-Party Transit Provider Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC was filed.

On May 24, 2018 and July 30, 2018, 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 July 12, 2018, to do so. No comments were filed. At its June 26, 2018, and July 10, 2018, meeting, the Commission deferred this docket.

At its August 7, 2018, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the agreement between CenturyLink and Peerless. 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 Peerless.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of August 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>Adana Huesch</u>
Date: <u>8/9/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner