

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A) CARRIER PARTNER FOR INTERCONNECTED) VOIP PROVIDER AMENDMENT TO THE) INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT) BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA) CENTURYLINK QC AND PEERLESS) NETWORK OF SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC))	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT TC18-017
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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 an Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment (Amendment) to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC (Peerless). Peerless wishes to act as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider by providing a switch and combining their traffic with the Interconnected VoIP Provider's VoIP-PSTN Traffic. The Amendment provides for the exchange of such traffic with CenturyLink according to the terms of this Amendment.

On May 24, 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 June 6, 2018, to do so. No comments were filed. At its June 26, 2018, meeting, the Commission deferred this docket.

At its July 10, 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 12th day of July 2018.

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 and mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>7/12/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

<u>Kristie Fiegen</u> KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson
<u>Gary Hanson</u> GARY HANSON, Commissioner
<u>Chris Nelson</u> CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner