

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF A )  
RECIPROCAL COMPENSATION BILL AND )  
KEEP AMENDMENT TO AN )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA )  
CENTURYLINK QC AND CLARITY TELECOM )  
LLC DBA VAST BROADBAND (FKA )  
KNOLOGY OF THE BLACK HILLS, LLC FKA )  
PRAIRIEWAVE BLACK HILLS, LLC) )

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT**

TC19-043

On July 23, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Reciprocal Compensation Bill and Keep Amendment (Amendment) to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Clarity Telecom LLC dba Vast Broadband (fka Knology of the Black Hills, LLC fka PrairieWave Black Hills, LLC) (Vast).

On July 25, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement 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 August 12, 2019, 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 September 3, 2019, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Vast. Commission staff recommended approval.

In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the Amendment to the Interconnection 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 Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Vast.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

<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>09/06/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner