

**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 AN )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )  
QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK )  
QC AND NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOM, LLC )

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT**

**TC19-051**

On November 25, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of a Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) and Native American Telecom, LLC (Native American Telecom). Native American Telecom 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 the Amendment.

On November 27, 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 December 16, 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 December 20, 2019, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Native American Telecom. Commission staff recommended approval.

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

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Native American Telecom.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31st day of December 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>Karone E. Creme</u>
Date: <u>12/31/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner