

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN )  
UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS – RESALE )  
FORBEARANCE AMENDMENT TO THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT )  
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA )  
CENTURYLINK QC AND PEERLESS NETWORK )  
OF SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT**

**TC20-042**

On July 9, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 USC § 252 for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC for the State of South Dakota. The amendment incorporates forbearance orders FCC 19-66 and FCC 19-72, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2019.

On July 16, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the 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 July 29, 2020, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 4, 2020, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC. 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 Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not 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 approves the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August 2020.

<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 or by mail.
By: <u><i>Hans DeHueck</i></u>
Date: <u>8/6/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Chris Nelson*

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

*Kristie Fiegen*

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner