

**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 LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC))	ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT TC20-045
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On July 22, 2020, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 USC § 252 for approval of the Unbundled Network Elements-Resale Forbearance Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement (Amendment) between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, 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 23, 2020, 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 August 11, 2020, 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 regularly scheduled meeting of August 18, 2020, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC. 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 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 Unbundled Network Elements-Resale Forbearance Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 19th day of August 2020.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adana de Aneek</u>
Date: <u>8/19/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner