

**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 SPRINT)
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LP)**

**ORDER APPROVING)
AMENDMENT TO)
INTERCONNECTION)
AGREEMENT)

TC20-050**

On September 18, 2020, the Commission received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of an Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Sprint Communications Company, LP. The amendment incorporates forbearance orders FCC 19-66 and FCC 19-72, which were released by the Federal Communications Commission in 2019.

On September 24, 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 October 8, 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 October 13, 2020, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Amendment between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Sprint Communications, LP. 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 Sprint Communications Company, LP.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 14th day of October 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>Karen E. Brennan</u>
Date: <u>10/14/20</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner