

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Ap-) Application No. C-2454
plication of McLeod USA Telecommu-)
nications Services, Inc. of Sioux)
Falls, South Dakota, and US West) AMENDMENT APPROVED
Communications, Inc. of Denver,)
Colorado, seeking approval of)
Amendment Nos. 3, 4 and 5 to)
their existing interconnection)
agreement.) Entered: January 23, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

On December 11, 2000, a joint application was filed by McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications, Inc. (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of Amendment Nos. 3, 4, and 5 to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 13, 2000. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

On April 14, 1999, the original interconnection agreement between Qwest (then known as US West) and McLeod was approved by this Commission, pursuant to Application No. C-2023. On August 29, 2000, pursuant to Application No. C-2358, the Commission approved Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to the agreement. In the current application, Qwest and McLeod seek to once again amend their agreement. Executed copies of the amendments are contained within the application.

The amendments do not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendments is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Section 252(e) of the Act requires this Commission to review negotiated interconnection agreements to ensure they comply with Sections 251 and 252(d) of the Act, as well as all applicable state laws. Using those standards, the amendments filed should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment Nos. 3, 4 and 5 to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation, f/k/a US West Communications,

Inc. and McLeod USA Telecommunications Services, Inc. be, and they are hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendments filed herein be, and they are hereby, made the official copies on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of January, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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