

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2465
of McLeodUSA of Cedar Rapids,)
Iowa, and Qwest Corporation of) AMENDMENT APPROVED
Denver, Colorado, jointly seeking)
approval of the eighth amendment)
to their interconnection agreement.) Entered: February 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On December 28, 2000, a joint application was filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Qwest Corporation of Denver, Colorado, seeking approval of the eighth amendment to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on December 29, 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 and McLeod was approved by this Commission, pursuant to Application No. C-2023. Subsequent amendments to the original agreement were approved by this Commission in Docket Nos. C-2358 and C-2454. In the current application, McLeod and Qwest seek to once again amend their agreement. An executed copy of the amendment is contained within the application.

The amendment does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement. Furthermore, the implementation of the amendment 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 amendment should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the eighth amendment to the interconnection agreement between McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation be, and it is hereby, approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the executed amendment filed herein be, and it is hereby, made the official copy on file with the Nebraska Public Service Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of

February, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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