

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint) Application No. C-2477
Application of Qwest Corporation)
of Denver, Colorado, and McLeod)
USA Telecommunications Services) AMENDMENT APPROVED
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota,)
seeking approval of Amendment)
No. 6 to their interconnection)
agreement.) Entered: March 6, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 29, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and McLeod USA Telecommunications Services (McLeod) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of Amendment No. 6 to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 30, 2001. 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. Subsequent amendments to the original agreement were approved by this Commission in Docket Nos. C-2358, C-2454 and C-2465. 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that Amendment No. 6 to the interconnection agreement between McLeod USA 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 March,
2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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