

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint)	Application No. C-2570
Application of Qwest Corporation)	
of Denver, Colorado and McLeodUSA)	
Telecommunications Services, Inc.)	AMENDMENT APPROVED
of Sioux Falls, South Dakota,)	
seeking approval of an amendment)	
to their negotiated wireline)	
interconnection agreement.)	Entered September 5, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On July 26, 2001, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc. (McLeodUSA) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, seeking approval of the an amendment to their negotiated wireline interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on July 27, 2001. No protests were filed; therefore, this application is processed pursuant to the Commission's Rule of Modified Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), Qwest and McLeodUSA entered into an interconnection agreement, which was approved by the Commission on April 14, 1999, in Application No. C-2023. In the current application, Qwest and McLeodUSA seek to amend the original agreement by adding terms, conditions and rates for Local Portability Managed Cuts, UDIT Rearrangement, unbundled network element (UNE) Combinations, Shared Transport and Customized Routing. 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 filed July 26, 2001, should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services Inc., 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 5th day of September, 2001.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING: NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director