

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application)	Application No. C-2816
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)	
Colorado, and McLeodUSA Telecom-)	
munications Services, Inc. of)	
Sioux Falls, South Dakota,)	GRANTED
jointly seeking approval of)	
their amendment to an inter-)	
connection agreement previously)	
approved in Application No.)	
C-2023.)	Entered: October 29, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On September 20, 2002, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, jointly seeking approval of their amendment to an interconnection agreement previously approved in Application No. C-2023. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on September 25, 2002. 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 February 6, 2001, in Application No. C-2023. In the current application, Qwest and McLeodUSA seek to amend the original agreement to reflect changes in the notice of termination requirements and to replace the platform recurring rates column.

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 September 20, 2002, 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 Telecommunication 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 29th day of October, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director