

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2652
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)
Colorado, and McLeodUSA)
Telecommunications Services,)
Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa,)
jointly seeking an amendment to) GRANTED
their local interconnection)
agreement in the state of)
Nebraska, previously approved in)
Application No. C-2023.) Entered: February 20, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 8, 2002, a joint application was filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) of Denver, Colorado, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeod) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, seeking approval of an amendment to their local interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 10, 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 McLeod 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 McLeod seek to amend the original agreement to add terms, conditions and charges for competitive local exchange carrier to competitive local exchange carrier cross connections.

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 January 8, 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 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 20th day of February, 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director