

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. C-2668
of Qwest Corporation of Denver,)
Colorado, and McLeodUSA)
Telecommunications Services,)
Inc. of Sioux Falls, South)
Dakota, jointly seeking an) GRANTED
amendment to their)
interconnection agreement in the)
state of Nebraska, previously)
approved in Application No.)
C-2023.) Entered: March 5, 2002

BY THE COMMISSION:

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

On January 30, 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 an amendment to their interconnection agreement. Notice of the application was published in The Daily Record, Omaha, Nebraska, on January 31, 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 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 unbundled dedicated interoffice transport.

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 30, 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 5th day of March 2002.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director