

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL)
OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION DBA)
CENTURYLINK QC AND PEERLESS NETWORK OF)
SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH)
DAKOTA)

ORDER APPROVING
INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT

TC24-007

On February 15, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 for approval of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC for the State of South Dakota.

On February 22, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the Agreement to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request had until March 6, 2024, to do so. No comments were filed.


The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2024, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC for the State of South Dakota. Commission Staff recommended approval.

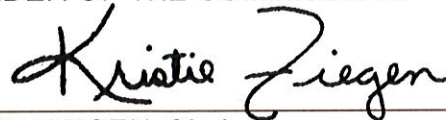
In accordance with 47 U.S.C § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and the Interconnection Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission hereby approves the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of South Dakota, LLC for the State of South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.
By: <u></u>
Date: <u>10 May 2024</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson



GARY HANSON, Commissioner



CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner