

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF )  
THE CARRIER PARTNER FOR INTERCONNECTED )  
VOIP PROVIDER AMENDMENT TO THE )  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST )  
CORPORATION DBA CENTURLINK QC AND )  
PEERLESS NETWORK OF SOUTH DAKOTA, LLC FOR )  
THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )**

**ORDER APPROVING  
AMENDMENT TO  
INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT**

**TC24-008**

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 Carrier Partner for Interconnected VoIP Provider Amendment to 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 Amendment to the 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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the Interconnection Agreement and the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves Amendment to 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Kristie Fiegen</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>10 May 2024</u></p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner