

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )  
APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST )  
CORPORATION AND XO COMMUNICATIONS, )  
INC. )

ORDER APPROVING  
AGREEMENT  
  
TC08-096

On June 19, 2008, the Commission received for approval a filing of an Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and XO Communications, Inc. (XO).

On June 26, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until July 9, 2008, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed July 29, 2008 meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and XO. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 2008.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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.
By: <u><i>Neldine Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u><i>8/7/08</i></u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*

GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Steve Kolbeck*

STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

*Dustin M. Johnson*

DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner