

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR) ORDER APPROVING FIRST
APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN) AMENDMENT TO
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN) AGREEMENT
QWEST CORPORATION AND COMMCHOICE,)
LLC) TC01-018

On March 5, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a first amendment to an interconnection agreement between CommChoice, LLC (CommChoice) and Qwest. The first amendment is made in order to replace the Interim Line Sharing Agreement CommChoice entered into on May 19, 2000, and to add terms, conditions and rates for Line Sharing as set forth in Attachment 1 to the amendment.

On March 8, 2001, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the first amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until March 26, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed July 10, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated first amendment to the agreement between Qwest and CommChoice. 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 first amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the first amendment and the first amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the first amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated first amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of July, 2001.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Helmut Halbo</u>
Date:	<u>7/13/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner