

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR )	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF AN ADOPTION OF )	ADOPTION OF
AMENDMENTS 1 AND 2 OF A WIRELINE )	AMENDMENTS
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN )	
QWEST CORPORATION AND AVERA )	TC01-024
COMMUNICATION, L.L.C. )	

On March 16, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an adoption of amendments 1 and 2 of a wireline interconnection agreement between Avera Communication, L.L.C. (Avera) and Qwest. Avera wishes to "pick and choose" in its entirety, the terms of amendments 1 and 2 to an interconnection agreement related to UNE Combinations and Bill and Keep between Qwest and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

On March 22, 2001, 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 April 5, 2001, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed May 8, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the adoption of amendments between Qwest and Avera. 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 adoption of amendments does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the adoption of amendments and the adoption of amendments is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the adoption of amendments. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the adoption of amendments.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Alaine Kelbo</u>
Date: <u>5/14/01</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner