

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS)	AGREEMENT
FOR INTERCONNECTION, UNBUNDLED)	
NETWORK ELEMENTS, ANCILLARY)	TC06-197
SERVICES AND RESALE OF)	
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES)	
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND)	
CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. N/K/A)	
HICKORYTECH LONG DISTANCE)	

On December 7, 2006, the Commission received for approval a filing of Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services and Resale of Telecommunications Services between Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Crystal Communications, Inc. n/k/a HickoryTech Long Distance (HickoryTech).

On December 14, 2006, 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 December 27, 2006, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 2, 2007, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Qwest and Crystal. 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 16th day of January, 2007.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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, by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Aldine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>1/17/07</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner