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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation
and Halstad Telephone Company for the State of North Dakota

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing for approval by the North Dakota Public Service Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252 and N.D. Cent. Code § 49-21-01.7 is the original Wireline Adoption Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Halstad Telephone Company. Halstad Telephone Company is adopting the Interconnection Agreement between Daktel Communications, LLC and Qwest Corporation which was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2010 in Docket No. PU-09-690.

Contact information for Halstad Telephone Company is as follows:

Tom Maroney
Halstad Telephone Company
345 Second Avenue West
Halstad, MN 56548
(218) 456-2125
tmaroney@rrv.net

We will forward an electronic copy of the Agreement to you for posting on the Commission's website.

Thank you for your help with this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Topp", is written over a horizontal line.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: Tom Maroney (via e-mail)
Gina Buchholtz (via e-mail)

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Wireline Interconnection Agreement

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Qwest Corporation

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November 9, 2010

Steve Williams, Board President
Halstad Telephone Company
345 2nd Avenue West
Halstad, Minnesota 56548

Dear Mr. Williams,

We have received your request that, under Section 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Halstad Telephone Company ("CLEC") wishes to adopt in its entirety, the terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement and any associated amendments, if applicable, (the "Underlying Agreement") between Daktel Communications, LLC (Agreement No. CDS-091005-0001) and Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), that was approved by the Commission on January 21, 2010, as an effective agreement in the State of North Dakota. CLEC is incorporated in the State of Minnesota. We understand you have a complete copy of the Underlying Agreement.

By their respective signatures below, Qwest and CLEC (individually, a "Party", or collectively, the "Parties") intend that this letter serves as their agreement ("Letter Agreement") for CLEC to adopt the Underlying Agreement under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Parties shall request the Commission to expedite its review and approval of this Letter Agreement. This Letter Agreement shall become effective upon such approval. Pursuant to the Underlying Agreement CLEC is adopting, this Agreement shall expire on the same date as the Underlying Agreement – January 15, 2013. If for some reason the Commission rejects all or part of the Letter Agreement either Party may at its option declare the remainder of the Agreement void and be excused from any performance thereunder. In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, once this Letter Agreement is approved by the Commission, the Underlying Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety for the state of North Dakota. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under the prior Agreement.
2. Notwithstanding the mutual commitments set forth herein, Qwest is entering into this Letter Agreement without prejudice to any positions it has taken previously, or may take in the future, in any legislative, regulatory, or other public forum addressing any matters, including those relating to the types of arrangements contained in the Underlying Agreement. During the proceeding in which the Commission is to review and approve the Letter Agreement, a Party may point out that it has objected, and continues to object, to the inclusion of the terms and conditions to which it objected in the proceedings involving the approval of the Underlying Agreement.
3. CLEC adopts the terms and conditions of the Underlying Agreement for interconnection with Qwest Corporation and in applying the terms and conditions, agrees that Halstad Telephone Company be substituted in place of "Daktel Communications, LLC" throughout the Underlying Agreement wherever the latter appears.
4. Qwest requests that notice to Qwest Corporation as may be required under the Underlying Agreement shall be provided as follows:

Qwest Corporation
Director Interconnection Agreements
1801 California Street, Room 2410
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-965-3029
Email: IntAgree@qwest.com

With copy to:
Qwest Corporation Law Department
Attention: General Counsel, Interconnection
1801 California Street, 10th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-383-6553
Email: Legal.Interconnection@qwest.com

CLEC requests that notice to CLEC as may be required under the Underlying Agreement shall be provided as follows:

Tom Maroney, General Manager
Halstad Telephone Company
345 2nd Avenue West
Halstad, Minnesota 56548
Phone: 218-456-2125
Fax: 218-456-2196
Email: tmaroney@rrv.net

5. CLEC represents and warrants that it is a certified provider of local telecommunication service in the State of North Dakota and that this Agreement will cover services in that state only.

6. Please sign electronically via the DocuSign® process within thirty (30) days. After thirty (30) days Qwest may rescind its willingness to consider this Letter Agreement's terms and conditions.

7. Please note that Qwest will file this Letter Agreement with the appropriate state commission for approval; however, some state commissions will not approve the Letter Agreement until the CLEC is certified by the state commission. You may want to contact the appropriate state commission to determine the requisite filing guidelines.

Sincerely,



L. T. Christensen
Director – Wholesale Contracts
Qwest Corporation
1801 California Street, 24th Floor
Denver, Colorado 80202

Date

12/17/10

I agree to all terms and conditions contained in this letter as indicated by my signature below:

Halstad Telephone Company



Signature

Steve Williams

Name Printed

Board President

Title

16-NOV-10

Date