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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
SFN 2053 (4-2002)

PU-2271-00-589

**Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest Corporati
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

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Filed 11/6/2000

Closed 1/25/2001

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Qwest
\$62.21

PU-2204-00-590
Qwest
\$45.87

PU-2446-00-629
Qwest
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PU-2271-00-589
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PU-2420-00-560
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PU-2057-00-588
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PU-1755-00-580
Qwest
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\$45.87 received

by Qwest Corporation

03/12/2001

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From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2001 10:04 AM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: Money Received

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Qwest
\$43.65

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PU-2443-00-620
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Pages: 0

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by Sprint Communications Co. LP/Qwest Corporation

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APPROVED

DATE: 2-21-01
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MOTION

February 21, 2001

Sprint Communications Company, L.P./
U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-2271-00-589

I move the Commission bill Sprint Communications and U S WEST for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-00-589, Sprint Communications Company, L.P./U S WEST, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



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RE: Case No. PU-2271-00-589
Sprint Communications Company, L.P./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the February 21, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-00-589.

Under N.D.C.C. 49-21-01.7, these expenses are billed through the Valuation Fund and must be paid for by the telecommunications company involved.

Please make your check payable to the Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Gloria Geiger
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Enc.

c: Scott Macintosh
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Billing Statement

February 21, 2001

Sprint Communications Company, L.P./
U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-2271-00-589

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$91.74
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Amount Due:

Sprint Communications	\$45.87
U S WEST	\$45.87

Send Payment To:

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600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sprint Communications Company, L.P./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Case No. PU-2271-00-589

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **25th day of January, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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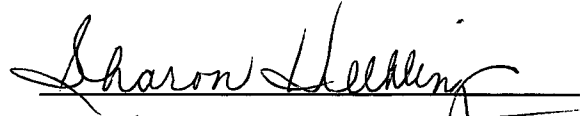

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
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PU-2271-00-589

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APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 1-24-01
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January 24, 2001

**Sprint Communications Company, L.P./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2271-00-589

I move the Commission adopt the Order Approving Interconnection Agreement Amendment in the application of U S WEST for approval of a first amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Case No. PU-2271-00-589.

JRL/sdh

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Motion

by Public Service Commission

01/24/2001

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Sprint Communications Company, L.P./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2271-00-589

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

January 24, 2001

On November 6, 2000, U S WEST filed an application for approval of a first amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company, L.P. of Kansas City, MO.

The amendment was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements which do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253.

Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

On November 22, 2000, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive written comments on the amended agreement until December 26, 2000. No comments have been received.

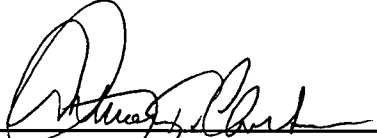
The Commission has reviewed the amended agreement and finds that it has not been shown to discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement. The Commission further finds that implementation of the agreement has not been shown to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

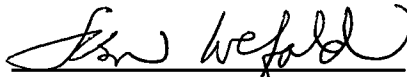
Order

The Commission orders:

1. The first amendment negotiated to the interconnection agreement between U S WEST and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. filed with the Commission on November 6, 2000, is APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreement at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreement must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreement must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.
5. Each party to the agreement shall respond reasonably and in good faith to the other party's requests to implement the agreement.

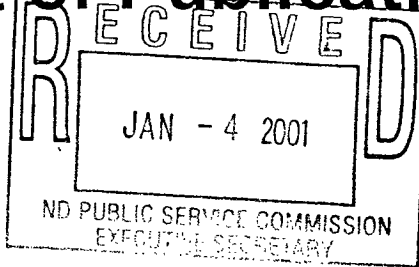
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President


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Commissioner

Affidavit of Publication



State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)

Laurie Thiel

, being duly sworn, state as follows:

- I am the designated agent, under the provisions and for the purposes of, Section 31-04-06, NDCC, for the newspapers listed on the attached exhibits.
- The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:
US Link ... New Edge, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.
- All of the listed newspapers are legal newspapers in the State of North Dakota and, under the provisions of Section 46-05-01, NDCC, are qualified to publish any public notice or any matter required by law or ordinance to be printed or published in a newspaper in North Dakota.

Signed: [Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December A.D. 2000.

[Signature]

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Affidavit of Publication

6 **PU-1755-00-580** Pages: 11

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Affidavit of Publication

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**U.S. Link, Inc./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-1755-00-580**

**Western Wireless Corporation/North Dakota
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**New Edge Network, Inc./U S WEST
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
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Affidavits of Service by Mail for 11-22-00
Notice
by Public Service Commission

11/22/2000

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P O Box 1000
Minot ND 58702-1000

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Gene Dejordy
Western Wireless
3650 131st Ave SE
Bellevue WA 98006

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P O Box 180
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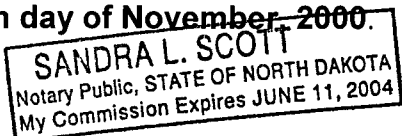
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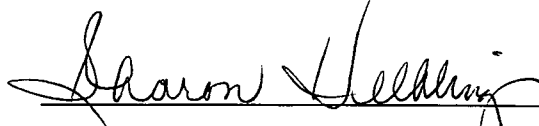
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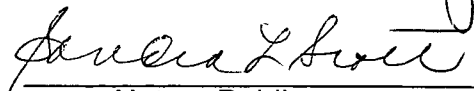
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Subscribed and sworn to before me
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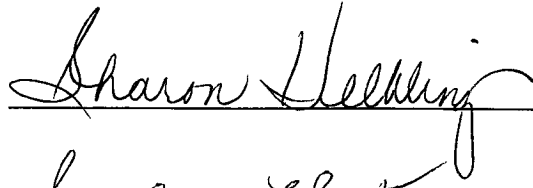
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See Attached List

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Please have the attached Notice of Opportunity for Hearing and Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments published as a legal publication in the next issue of the ten North Dakota daily newspapers, and run it as a "News Item Only" article as well.

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Thank you.

Sharon Helbling
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Case No. PU-2271-00-589

**New Edge Network, Inc./U S WEST
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Case No. PU-2204-00-590

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the applications by U S WEST for approval of interconnection agreement amendments negotiated with U.S. Link, Inc., Case No. PU-1755-00-580; McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., Case No. PU-2057-00-588; Sprint

Communications Company, L.P., Case No. PU-2271-00-589; and New Edge Network, Inc., Case No. PU-2204-00-590, and in the applications for approval of interconnections agreements negotiated between Western Wireless Corporation and North Dakota Telephone Company, Case No. PU-2424-00-581, Polar Telecommunications Inc., Case No. PU-2425-00-582, and Polar Telecommunications Mutual Aid Corporation, Case No. PU-2426-00-583.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

November 22, 2000

On November 2, 2000, in Case No. PU-1755-00-580, U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST) filed an application for approval of to the first amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, MN. The amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for unbundled network elements combinations, customized routing and shared interoffice transport.

On November 3, 2000, applications were filed for approval of wireless interconnection agreements negotiated between Western Wireless Corporation of

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Bellevue WA and North Dakota Telephone Company of Devils Lake, ND (Case No. PU-2424-00-581), Polar Telecommunications, Inc. (Case No. PU-2425-00-582) and Polar Telecommunications Mutual Aid Corporation (Case No. PU-2426-00-583) both of Park River, ND. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for wireless interconnection and reciprocal compensation.

On November 6, 2000, U S WEST filed applications for approval of the fifth amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, IA (Case No. PU-2057-00-588) and first amendments negotiated to interconnection agreements with Sprint Communications Company, L.P. of Kansas City, MO (Case No. PU-2271-00-589) and New Edge Network, Inc. of Vancouver, WA (Case No. PU-2204-00-590). These amendments set forth rates, terms and conditions for line sharing.

These agreements were filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration be submitted for approval to the Commission. Under section 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

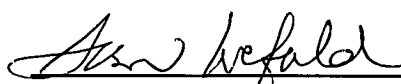
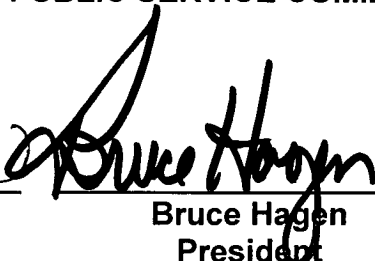

1. the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreement;
2. the implementation of the agreement (or portion thereof) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until December 26, 2000.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Jon Mielke, Executive Secretary.

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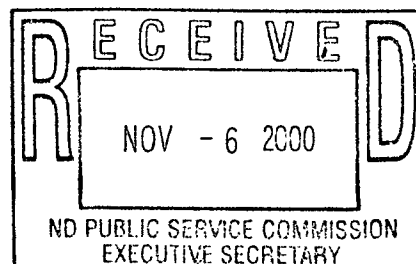
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Re: First Amendment to Wireline Agreement Between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P.

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of Amendment No. 1 to the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and U S WEST Communications, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on November 19, 1997 in Docket No. PU-987-97-162. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the this letter, please date stamp it and return it to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

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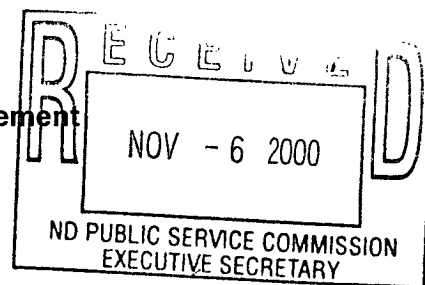
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**Amendment No.1 to the Interconnection Agreement
Between
Sprint Communications Company, L.P.,
and
U S WEST Communications, Inc.**



This Amendment No. 1 ("Amendment") is made and entered into by and between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint") and U S WEST Communications, Inc. ("USWC").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Sprint and USWC entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the states of Arizona, Nebraska and North Dakota that was executed by Sprint on July 8, 1997 and U S WEST Communications, Inc. on July 17, 1997 (the "Interconnection Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Sprint and USWC desire to amend the Agreement by adding the terms, conditions and rates contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Amendment Terms.

This Amendment is made in order to add terms, conditions and rates for Line Sharing as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. Effective Date.

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon the appropriate state Commission; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, Sprint must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by USWC. Sprint will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

3. Further Amendments.

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Neither the Agreement nor this Amendment may be further amended or altered except by written instrument executed by an authorized representative of both Parties.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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Attachment 1

1. Line Sharing

1.1 Description

Line Sharing provides Sprint with the opportunity to offer advanced data services simultaneously with an existing end user's analog voice-grade (POTS) service provided by USWC on a single copper loop referred to herein as the "Shared Loop" or "Line Sharing", by using the frequency range above the voice band on the copper loop. This frequency range will be referred to herein as the High Frequency Spectrum Network Element ("HUNE"). A POTS splitter separates the voice and data traffic and allows the copper loop to be used for simultaneous data transmission and POTS service. The POTS service must be provided to the end user by USWC.

1.2 Terms and Conditions

1.2.1 General

- 1.2.1.1 To order the HUNE, Sprint must have a POTS splitter installed in the USWC Wire Center that serves the end user as provided for in this Section, and the end user must have dial tone originating from a USWC switch in that Wire Center. Sprint must provide the end user with, and is responsible for, the installation of a splitter, filter(s) and/or other equipment necessary for the end user to receive separate voice and data service across a single copper loop.
- 1.2.1.2 The POTS splitter must meet the requirements for central office equipment collocation set by the FCC or to be compliant with ANSI T1.413.
- 1.2.1.3 Sprint may use the HUNE to provide any xDSL services that are compatible with USWC's POTS service. Such services that currently are presumed to meet this standard are ADSL, RADSL, G.lite and Multiple Virtual Line transmission systems. In the future, additional services may be used by Sprint to the extent those services are deemed acceptable for Line Sharing deployment under applicable FCC rules.
- 1.2.1.4 Neither Sprint nor USWC may utilize the HUNE on a given copper loop if another telecommunications carrier, is already using the high frequency spectrum to provide data services, unless the end user of that loop or USWC or Sprint disconnects the original telecommunications carrier's high-frequency service.
- 1.2.1.5 USWC will perform requested conditioning, including de-loading and removal of excess bridged taps, unless USWC demonstrates to Sprint in advance that conditioning a Shared Loop will

significantly degrade the end user's analog voice-grade POTS service. Based on the pre-order make-up of a given copper loop, Sprint can make a preliminary determination if the loop can meet the technical parameters applicable to the data service it intends to provide over the loop. After a Shared Loop is ordered and the design layout record is reviewed by Sprint, it is Sprint's responsibility to determine if the Shared Loop meets the technical parameters applicable to the data service it intends to provide over the Shared Loop.

1.2.1.6 USWC will provide Sprint with access to the HUNE through POTS splitters installed in USWC Wire Centers. POTS splitters may be installed in USWC Wire Centers in either of the following ways at the discretion of Sprint: (a) via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section; or (b) via Common Area Splitter Collocation as set forth in this Section. Under either option, POTS splitters will be appropriately hard-wired or pre-wired so that USWC is not required to inventory more than two points of termination.

1.2.1.7 Sprint will provide USWC with non-binding, good faith, rolling quarterly forecasts for Shared Loop volumes on a Wire Center-by-Wire Center basis. Sprint will also provide an eighteen (18) month, non-binding, good faith, quarterly forecast to USWC in thirty (30) calendar days after the signing of this Agreement.

1.2.2 Sprint Collocation Area Splitter

1.2.2.1 If Sprint elects to have POTS splitters installed in USWC Wire Centers via the standard Collocation arrangements set forth in the Collocation Section, Sprint will be responsible for purchasing the POTS splitters. Sprint also will be responsible for installing and maintaining POTS splitters in its Collocation areas within USWC Wire Centers.

1.2.2.2 Sprint may designate some or all of its existing DSO TIE Cable terminations for use in connection with Line Sharing. USWC will perform any necessary DSO TIE Cable termination reclassifications, frame re-stenciling, and related work for which it is responsible and that is required to provision Line Sharing. Charges will apply pursuant to this Section of the Agreement.

1.2.2.3 Sprint may choose to have USWC provide the cabling used for DSO TIE Cables for Line Sharing subject to a charge that will cover the cost of cabling, plus any additional pass through vendor invoice costs such as applicable state taxes, shipping and handling incurred by USWC. In the alternative, Sprint may provide all such cabling to USWC. USWC will not be responsible for any inability to obtain cabling from vendors because of equipment shortages or equipment delays.

1.2.2.4 Two ITPs and two pre-wired DSO TIE Cable terminations will be needed to connect POTS splitters to the USWC network. One ITP will carry both voice and data traffic from the COSMIC/MDF loop termination, to an appropriate intermediate distribution frame. From this frame, one DSO TIE Cable termination will carry both voice and data traffic to the POTS splitter located in Sprint's Collocation area. The voice and data traffic will be separated at the POTS splitter. The data traffic will be routed to Sprint's network within its Collocation area. The voice traffic will be routed to the COSMIC/MDF switch termination, via the intermediate distribution frame, using a second DSO TIE Cable termination and a second ITP.

1.2.2.5 The demarcation points between USWC's network and Sprint's network will be the place where the combined voice and data loop is cross-connected to the intermediate distribution frame.

1.2.3 Common Area Splitter Collocation

1.2.3.1 If Sprint elects to have POTS splitters installed in USWC Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, the POTS splitters will be installed in those Wire Centers in one of the following locations: (a) in a relay rack as close to Sprint's DSO termination points as possible; (b) on an intermediate distribution frame to the extent such a frame is available; or (c) where options (a) and (b) are not available, or in Wire Centers with network access line counts of less than 10,000 on the Cosmic/MDF or in some other appropriate location such as an existing USWC relay rack or bay. Sprint either may purchase POTS splitters or have USWC purchase POTS splitters on its behalf subject to full reimbursement. USWC will be responsible for the installation and maintenance of the POTS splitters, but Sprint will lease the POTS splitters to USWC at no cost. USWC may co-mingle the POTS splitters shelves of different CLECs in a single relay rack or bay. USWC will not be responsible for shortages of POTS splitters, or USWC's inability to obtain POTS splitters from vendors, if acting as purchasing agent on behalf of Sprint.

1.2.3.2 Two ITPs, three pre-wired TIE Cables and one pre-wired DSO TIE Cable termination will be needed to connect the POTS splitters to the USWC network. One ITP will carry both voice and data traffic from the COSMIC/MDF loop termination, to an appropriate intermediate distribution frame. From this frame, one TIE Cable will carry both voice and data traffic to the POTS splitter. The voice and data traffic will be separated at the POTS splitter, and the separated voice and data traffic will be routed to the intermediate distribution frame via separate TIE Cables (i.e., the second and third TIE Cables). At the intermediate distribution frame, the data traffic will be routed to Sprint's Collocation area via a fourth DSO TIE Cable termination, and the voice traffic will be routed to the COSMIC/MDF switch termination, via a second

ITP. In the alternative, Sprint may request that USWC directly cable the data port of the POTS splitter to the Sprint's Collocation area under these same terms.

1.2.3.3 The demarcation point between USWC's network and Sprint's network will be at the place where the data loop leaves the POTS splitter on its way to Sprint's Collocated equipment.

1.3 Line Sharing Deployment

1.3.1 New applications for installation of POTS splitters will be processed in the manner outlined in the Collocation section for Cageless or Common Collocation.

1.3.2 Sprint may submit applications for additional DSO TIE Cable terminations and/or reclassifications to support Line Sharing. USWC will process any such applications for augmentation and/or reclassification of DSO TIE Cable terminations under intervals as outlined below in this Section.

1.3.3 Augmentation intervals will be thirty (30) days, subject to the following terms and conditions identified below:

1.3.3.1 Sprint will provide a quarterly forecast to USWC in advance of placing applications. Upon receipt of the initial forecast, the interval for augments forecasted in the first month will be sixty (60) days. The interval for each subsequent month will be thirty (30) days.

1.3.3.2 The forecast must include, at a minimum, the following:

- (a.) The Month in which each application will be sent;
- (b.) The Wire Center by common name for each application;
- (c.) Type of terminations required for each level of connection; and
- (d.) Whether the termination types are the same as existing or, if different, what numbering is requested on the block.

1.3.3.3 The interval for reclassification will be fifteen (15) days, subject to the following terms and conditions. If requested reclassification engineering results in additional requirements for DSO TIE Cable termination or TIE Cable support, the interval will default to thirty (30) days.

1.3.3.4 If an application for augmentation and/or reclassification is not included in the above forecast, the application will default to the augmentation interval found in the Collocation section.

1.3.3.5 In the event Sprint, or USWC acting as purchasing agent for Sprint, is unable to procure any equipment needed to complete all work required by applications submitted to USWC by Sprint, including but not limited to, POTS splitters or cabling, USWC will

install the subject equipment when it becomes available. If USWC is acting as purchasing agent for Sprint and is unable to procure equipment to complete all work in a timely manner, Sprint may provide USWC with the subject equipment. Sprint will be notified by USWC of the required material on-site date for the affected Wire Center(s) and Sprint will have two (2) business days to determine if it will be able to provide the subject equipment in advance of the material on-site date. If Sprint does not notify USWC in writing of its intent to provide the subject equipment within this two (2) business day period, or if the subject equipment in a timely manner. USWC will install the subject equipment when available.

1.4 Rate Elements

1.4.1 Recurring Rates for Shared Loop

1.4.1.1 Shared Loop Charge - A monthly recurring charge for the use of the Shared Loop will apply.

1.4.1.2 OSS Charge - A monthly recurring charge to recover upgrades to USWC Operational Support Systems required to accommodate Line Sharing will apply.

1.4.2 Non-Recurring Rates for the Shared Loop

1.4.2.1 Basic Installation Charge for Shared Loop – A non-recurring charge for each Shared Loop installed will apply.

1.4.2.2 If Sprint requests conditioning of a Shared Loop, a non-recurring conditioning charge specified in Exhibit A will apply for removal of load coils and excess bridged taps. If the conditioning significantly degrades the voice services on the loop to the point it is unacceptable to the end user, Sprint shall pay the conditioning charge in Exhibit A to recondition the loop.

1.4.3 Non-Recurring Rates for Tie Cable Reclassification

1.4.3.1 Reclassification Charge – A non-recurring charge will apply, based on time and materials for reclassification of existing TIE cable capacity, by among other things, reclassification of existing TIE cables for Line Sharing, frame restenciling, and any other work performed between Sprint's collocation and the intermediate distribution frame required to provision Line Sharing.

1.4.4 Non-Recurring Rates for Maintenance and Repair

1.4.4.1 Trouble Isolation Charge – A non-recurring charge for Trouble isolation will be applied in accordance with the Support Functions – Maintenance and Repair Section.

1.4.4.2 Additional Testing – Sprint may request USWC to perform additional testing, and USWC may decide to perform the requested testing on a case-by-case basis. A non-recurring charge will apply in accordance with Exhibit A.

1.4.5 Rates for Common Area Splitter Collocation

1.4.5.1 Splitter Shelf Charge – This charge recovers installation and ongoing maintenance associated with splitter installation, bay installation, lighting costs, aerial support structures and grounding charge for splitters either in a bay, on the IDF, or on the MDF/COSMIC. These are both recurring and non-recurring charges.

1.4.5.2 POTS Splitter Charge – A non-recurring charge will apply for the cost of each POTS splitter purchased by USWC on behalf of Sprint. This charge will cover the cost of the POTS splitter, plus any associated costs incurred by USWC to order the POTS splitter.

1.4.6 POTS Splitter TIE Cable Connections Charge – A non-recurring charge will apply for the cost of each TIE Cable connected to the POTS splitters. This charge will cover both the TIE cables and associated blocks per 100 pair between the POTS splitter and the intermediate distribution frame or splitter bay.

1.4.7 The rates for each of the aforementioned Line Sharing rate elements are set forth in Exhibit A. All of these rates are interim and will be subject to true up based on either mutually agreed to permanent rates or permanent rates established in a Line Sharing cost proceeding conducted by the Commission. In the event interim rates are established by the Commission before permanent rates are set, the interim rates set forth in Exhibit A will be changed to reflect the interim rates set by the Commission; however, no true up will be performed until mutually agreed to permanent rates are established or permanent rates are set established by the Commission.

1.5 Ordering Process

1.5.1 Shared Loop

1.5.1.1 As a part of the pre-order process, Sprint can access loop characteristic information through the Loop Information Tool described in the Support Functions Section. Sprint will determine, in its sole discretion and at its risk, whether to order the HUNE across any specific copper loop. USWC and Sprint will work together to modify the Loop Information Tool to better support Line Sharing.

1.5.1.2 The appropriate Splitter Meet Points dedicated to the POTS splitters will be provided on the Line Sharing Actual Point of

Termination (APOT) from one day prior to the ready for service date or at an interval ordered by the Commission or further agreed to by USWC and Sprint in writing. Sprint will provide on the LSR, the appropriate frame terminations which are dedicated to POTS splitters. USWC will administer all cross connects/jumpers on the COSMIC/MDF and ICDF.

1.5.1.3 Basic Installation "lift and lay" procedure will be used for all Shared Loop orders. Under this approach, a USWC technician "lifts" the Loop from its current termination in a USWC Wire Center and "lays" it on a new termination connecting to Sprint's Collocated equipment in the same Wire Center.

1.5.1.4 USWC will provision the Shared Loop within the standard unbundled loop provisioning interval at least 90% of the time, as defined in Exhibit C.

1.5.1.5 Sprint shall not place orders for Shared Loops until all work necessary to provision Line Sharing in a given USWC Wire Center, including, but not limited to, POTS splitter installation and TIE Cable reclassification or augmentation has been completed.

1.5.2 Common Area Splitter Collocation

1.5.2.1 This section only applies to situations where Sprint orders placement of the splitter in a common area.

1.5.2.2 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered via a single Collocation application form and quote preparation fee. Standard intervals as contained in Exhibit C will apply.

1.5.2.3 New POTS splitter shelves may be ordered with an existing Collocation. Sprint must submit a new Collocation application form and the applicable fee to USWC. Standard Cageless and/or Common Collocation intervals as contained in Exhibit C will apply.

1.5.3 TIE Cable Reclassification

1.5.3.1 To the extent Sprint has existing DSO TIE Cable terminations extending from an intermediate distribution frame to its Collocation space, Sprint may request that these existing DSO TIE Cable terminations be reclassified for use with Line Sharing. Sprint shall request such reclassification through the same process used to order new terminations.

1.6 Repair and Maintenance

1.6.1 USWC will allow Sprint to access Shared Loops at the point where the combined voice and data loop is cross-connected to the POTS splitter.

- 1.6.2 USWC will be responsible for repairing voice services provided over Shared Loops and the physical line between network interface devices at end user premises and the point of demarcation in USWC Wire Centers. USWC will also be responsible for inside wiring at end user premises in accordance with the terms and conditions of inside wire maintenance agreements, if any, between USWC and its end users. Sprint will be responsible for repairing data services provided on Shared Loops. USWC and Sprint each will be responsible for maintaining its equipment. The entity that controls the POTS splitters will be responsible for their maintenance.
- 1.6.3 USWC and Sprint will continue to develop repair and maintenance procedures for Line Sharing and agree to document final agreed to procedures in a methods and procedures document that will be made available on USWC's website: <http://www.uswest.com/carrier/guides/interconnect/>. In the interim, USWC and Sprint agree that the following general principles will guide the repair and maintenance process for Line Sharing.
- 1.6.3.1 If an end user complains of a voice service problem that may be related to the use of a Shared Loop for data services, USWC and Sprint will work together with the end user to solve the problem to the satisfaction of the end user. USWC will not disconnect the data service provided to an end user over a Shared Loop without the written permission of Sprint unless the end user's voice service is so degraded that the end user cannot originate or receive voice grade calls and/or the end user authorizes USWC to disconnect the data service. USWC will notify Sprint whenever this occurs upon voice trouble ticket closure.
- 1.6.3.2 USWC and Sprint are responsible for their respective end user base. USWC and Sprint will have the responsibility for resolution of any service trouble report(s) initiated by their respective end users.
- 1.6.3.3 USWC will test for electrical faults (e.g. opens, and/or foreign voltage) on Shared Loops in response to trouble tickets initiated by Sprint. When trouble tickets are initiated by Sprint, and such trouble is not an electrical fault (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in USWC's network, USWC will assess Sprint the TIC Charge.
- 1.6.3.4 When trouble reported by Sprint is not isolated or identified by tests for electrical faults (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage), USWC may perform additional testing at the request of Sprint on a case-by-case basis. Sprint may request that USWC perform additional testing and USWC may decide not to perform requested testing where it believes, in good faith, that additional testing is unnecessary because the test requested has already been performed or otherwise duplicates the results of a previously performed test. In this case, USWC will provide Sprint

with the relevant test results on a case-by-case basis. If this additional testing uncovers electrical fault trouble (e.g. opens, shorts, and/or foreign voltage) in the portion of the network for which USWC is responsible, Sprint will not be charged by USWC for the testing. If this additional testing uncovers a problem in the portion of the network for which Sprint is responsible, USWC will assess the appropriate miscellaneous charge.

- 1.6.4 When POTS splitters are installed in USWC Wire Centers via Common Area Splitter Collocation, Sprint will order and install additional splitter cards as necessary to increase the capacity of the POTS splitters. Sprint will leave one unused, spare splitter card in every shelf to be used for repair and maintenance until such time as the card must be used to fill the shelf to capacity.
- 1.6.5 When POTS splitters are installed in USWC Wire Centers via standard Collocation arrangements, Sprint may install test access equipment in its Collocation areas in those Wire Centers for the purpose of testing Shared Loops. This equipment must meet the requirements for Central Office equipment set by the FCC.
- 1.6.6 USWC and Sprint will work together to address end user initiated repair requests and to prevent adverse impacts to the end user.

1.7 Other

- 1.7.1 USWC and Sprint agree to work together to address and, where necessary and possible, find solutions for the following Line Sharing implementation issues: (i) the development of an effective phased process for handling Sprint orders for the HUNE; which reflect different end user action scenarios including but not limited to; end user changes or disconnects data service provider and/or end user orders new voice and data service simultaneously; (ii) USWC's ability to handle the existing and forecasted volume of Sprint orders for the HUNE; (iii) USWC's ability to make loop assignments for the existing and forecasted volume of Sprint orders for the HUNE; (iv) the ability of USWC and Sprint to coordinate repairs; (v) the experience and education of the Shared Loop end user; (vi) Sprint's forecasts of HUNE orders; and (vii) the process for conditioning Shared Loops by removing load coils and excess bridged taps; and the ability of Sprint to order a HUNE to serve end users over fiber-fed loops, including loops comprised of digital loop carrier facilities.

**EXHIBIT A
NORTH DAKOTA RATES**

Line Sharing	Recurring	Nonrecurring
Shared Loop, per Loop		\$71.80
Zone 1	\$8.21 ¹	
Zone 2	\$10.00 ¹	
Zone 3	\$10.00 ¹	
OSS, per Order	\$3.13	
Basic Installation		ICB
Conditioning Charge		\$538.16
Tie Cable Reclassification		ICB
Engineering – Collocation Augment		ICB
Trouble Isolation Charge		Section 13, U S WEST'S North Dakota Exchange and Network Services Catalog
Additional Testing		ICB
Splitter Shelf Charge		
POTS Splitter		ICB
Splitter TIE Cable Connections		

[1] Deaveraged rates approved per Stipulated Agreement in Docket PU-314-97-12. Below is a breakdown of wire center per zone:

Zone 1- Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, West Fargo, Jamestown, Williston, Wahpeton, Manden, Dickinson.

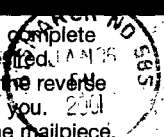
Zone 2- Valley City, Grafton, Mayville, Larimore, Lisbon, Casselton

Zone 3- Emerado, Pembina, Hatton, Belfield, Minto, Watford City, Hillsboro, Kindred, Thompson, Northwood, Gwinner, Reynolds, Gardner, Manvel, Fairmount, Wyndmere, Leonard, Alexander

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