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

PU-2271-01-19

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

Application

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Filed 1/9/2001

Closed 3/15/2001

Scott, Sandi L.

From: Bauske, Shelly A.
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2001 10:47 AM
To: Scott, Sandi L.
Subject: FW: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: **Geiger, Gloria A.**
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2001 1:41 PM
To: Bauske, Shelly A.
Subject: RE: Money Received.....

-----Original Message-----

From: **Bauske, Shelly A.**
Sent: Tuesday, May 08, 2001 9:44 AM
To: Geiger, Gloria A.
Subject: Money Received.....

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

Qwest

?

\$68.90

Case No. PU-2287-00-391

Qwest

?

79.08

Check Total: \$147.98

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Pages: 0

\$68.90 received

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by Qwest

05/10/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 4-25-01
KMF

April 25, 2001

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

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

I move the Commission bill Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-01-19, Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.

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Utility Valuation Motion/Letter/Billing
Statement
by Public Service Commission

04/25/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry



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April 25, 2001

Evelyn Vernon
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Overland Park KS 66211

Dan Kuntz
PO Box 1695
Bismarck ND 58502-1695

RE: Case No. PU-2271-01-19
Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application

Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the April 25, 2001 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2271-01-19.

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
Administrative Assistant
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Scott Macintosh
Qwest Corporation
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Billing Statement

April 25, 2001

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

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$137.80
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Amount Due:

Sprint	\$68.90
Qwest Corporation	\$68.90

Send Payment and a Copy of this Statement To:

Public Service Commission
600 E Boulevard Ave Dept 408
Bismarck ND 58505-0480

Federal Tax ID 45-0309764

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the **15th day of March, 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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Overland Park KS 66210

Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 1831

Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8654 1855

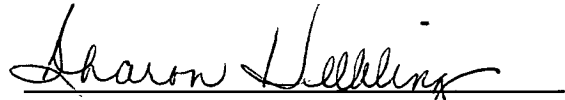
Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **15th day of March, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

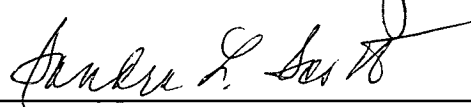
Scott Macintosh
Qwest Corporation
P O Box 5508
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

Dir-Interconnection Compliance
Qwest Corporation
1801 California St Rm 2410
Denver CO 80202

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **15th day of March, 2001**.





Notary Public

SEAL

SANDRA L. SCOTT
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

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Affidavit of Service

by Public Service Commission

03/15/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

APPROVED

MOTION

DATE: 3-14-01
KMF

March 14, 2001

**Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest
Corporation Communications, Inc.
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

I move the Commission adopt the Order Approving Interconnection Agreement Amendment in the application for approval of a fourth amendment negotiated to the interconnection agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Case No. PU-2271-01-19.

JRL/sdh

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest
Corporation Communications, Inc.
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

March 14, 2001

On January 6, 2001, Qwest Corporation Communications, Inc. (Qwest) filed an application for approval of a fourth amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P. This amendment sets forth terms and conditions for inter local calling area facility.

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 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.

On January 24, 2001, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive written comments on the agreement until February 27, 2001. 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.

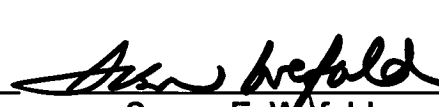
Order


The Commission orders:

1. The interconnection agreement fourth amendment negotiated between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company L.P., filed with the Commission on January 6, 2001, 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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

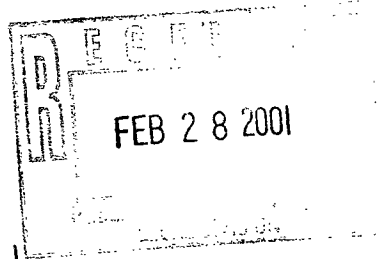

Anthony T. Clark
Commissioner


Susan E. Wefald
President


Leo M. Reinbold
Commissioner

Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
County of Burleigh)



Laurie Thiel, being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. 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.

2. The newspapers listed on the exhibits published the advertisement of:

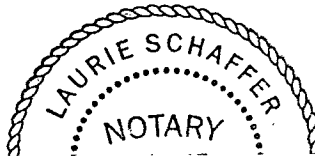
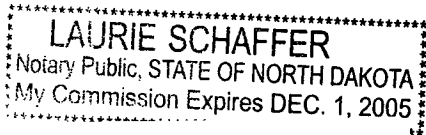
McLeadUSA / Qwest, 1 time(s)
as required by law or ordinance.

3. 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: Laurie Thiel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of February A.D. 2001.

Laurie Schaffer



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Affidavit of Publication
by North Dakota Advertising Service, Inc.

7 **PU-2271-01-19** Pages: 11
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7 **PU-2479-01-20** Pages: 11
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7 **PU-2271-01-26** Pages: 11
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,
Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2057-00-698

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

Case No. PU-2271-01-19

**Excess Communications, Inc./Qwest
Interconnection Agreement
Application**

Case No. PU-2479-01-20

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

Case No. PU-2271-01-26

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ORDINARY MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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, **five** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

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Bismarck ND 58502-1695

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Denver CO 80202

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Cert. No. 7000 0520 0022 8653 3362

Lauraine Harding
McLeodUSA
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Ken Ross
Sprint
7301 College Blvd
Overland Park KS 66210
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Kevin Stolz
Essex Communications Inc
5500 Metro West Blvd Ste 209
Orlando FL 32811
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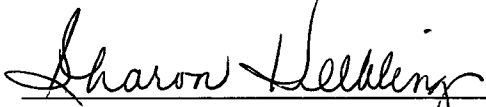
Sharon Helbling further deposes and says that on the **25th day of January, 2001**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

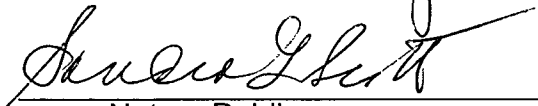
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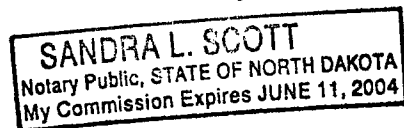
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this **25th day of January, 2001**.





Notary Public

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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**Sprint Communications Company L.P./Qwest
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Case No. PU-2271-01-26

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY ORDINARY MAIL OR E-MAIL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Sharon Helbling deposes and says that:

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Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

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See Attached List

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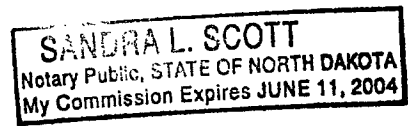
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Helbling, Sharon D.

From: Helbling, Sharon D.

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2001 7:49 AM

To: ndna (E-mail)

Subject: Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments

Please have the attached 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.

Send the bill directly to the Public Service Commission along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 701-328-4076.

Thank you.

Sharon Helbling
Public Utilities Division



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DATE: 1-24-01
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MOTION

January 24, 2001

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,
Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application**

Case No. PU-2057-00-698

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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the applications by Qwest Corporation for approval of interconnection agreements and amendments in the above captioned cases.

JRL/sdh

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS

January 24, 2001

On December 20, 2000, in Case No. PU-2057-00-698, Qwest Corporation Communications, Inc. (Qwest) filed an application for approval of a negotiated eighth amendment to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The amendment sets forth rates, terms and conditions for a business-to-business relationship negotiated by the parties.

On January 6, 2001 in Case No. PU-2271-01-19. Qwest filed an application for approval of a fourth amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P. This amendment sets forth terms and conditions for inter local calling area facility.

On January 9, 2001, in Case No. PU-2479-01-20, Qwest filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications. This agreement sets rates, terms and conditions for interconnection of facilities including access to unbundled network elements, ancillary services and services for resale.

On January 15, 2001, in Case No. PU-2271-01-26, Qwest filed an application for approval of a third amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company L.P. This amendment sets forth terms and conditions for complex firm order confirmation.

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),

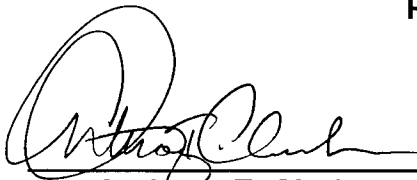
the Commission may only reject an agreement (or portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:

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.

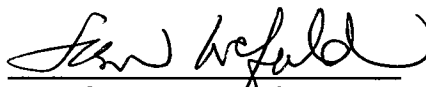
In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until February 27, 2001. 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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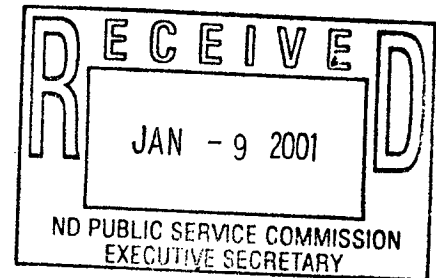
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Re: Amendment Number 4 to Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of Amendment Number 4 to the Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communication Company and Qwest Corporation which was approved by the Commission on November 19, 1997 in Docket No. PU-987-97-474. The contact for Sprint Communications Company is Ken Ross, Director -- Local Market Development, 7301 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210. Also enclosed is an extra copy of this letter. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Kuntz". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Daniel S. Kuntz

Enclosures

c: Scott Macintosh w/enc.
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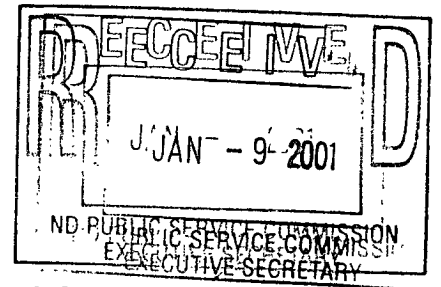
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Cover letter re Amendment

by Sprint Communications Co. LP/Qwest Corporation

01/09/2001

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry



**Amendment No. 4
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
Sprint Communications
for the States of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon,
South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming**

This is Amendment No. 4 ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), formerly known as US WEST Communications, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and Sprint Communications Company ("Sprint" or "CLEC"), a Delaware Limited Partnership. Sprint and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Sprint and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the states of Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming that was executed by Sprint on July 8, 1997 and U S WEST Communications, Inc. on July 17, 1997 (the "Interconnection Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement further under the terms and conditions 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:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms and conditions for LIS Inter Local Calling Area ("LCA") Facility, as set forth in Attachment 1, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the appropriate state Commissions; 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 Qwest. Sprint will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met.

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.

Sprint Communications Company

W. Richard Morris
Signature

W. Richard Morris
Name Printed/Typed

Vice President External Affairs
Title
Local Markets

December 13, 2000
Date

Qwest Corporation

Cindy Humphrey
Signature

Cindy Humphrey
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Director
Title

12/14/00
Date

ATTACHMENT 1

1. LIS Inter Local Calling Area (LCA) Facility

1.1 CLEC may request Qwest-provided facilities to transport local exchange traffic from a virtual local POI ("local POI") in a Qwest local calling area to a POI located in an EAS/local serving area (a "distant POI"). The Qwest-provided facilities interconnecting a Qwest local calling area to a distant POI are LIS Inter Local Calling Area (LCA) Facilities.

1.2 The actual origination of the LIS Inter LCA Facility shall be in the Qwest Wire Center located in the distant EAS/local serving area where CLEC has a physical presence and has established the distant POI.

1.3 If the distance between the Qwest Central Office in the local calling area and the distant POI is twenty (20) miles or less, the fixed and per-mile rates for Direct Trunk Transport (DTT) shall apply in accordance with the Interconnection Agreement currently in effect between Sprint and Qwest.

1.4 If the distance between the Qwest Central Office in the local calling area and the distant POI is greater than twenty (20) miles, the fixed and per-mile DTT rates shall apply to the first twenty (20) miles in accordance with the Interconnection Agreement currently in effect between Sprint and Qwest, and the remaining miles are rated as intrastate monthly fixed and per mile DS1 Private Line Transport Services. The Private Line Transport Services rates are contained in the applicable state Private Line catalogs and Tariffs.

1.5 Qwest will reduce the rate for the first twenty (20) miles of the interLCA facility to reflect the portion of the interLCA facility that is used by Qwest to transport Qwest-originated traffic to CLEC. Qwest shall not be required to reduce the Private Line Transport Services rates for the portion of the interLATA LCA facility that exceeds twenty (20) miles in length.

1.6 In addition, CLEC may choose to purchase a Private Line Transport Services DS3 from Qwest as a Customer Facility Assignment (CFA) on which the LIS InterLCA Facility would ride. CLEC will purchase a Private Line DS3 to DS1 multiplexer to support the DS1 InterLCA Facility. If CLEC chooses to utilize a Private Line DS3 as CFA, these rates will be billed out of the applicable Private Line Transport Services catalogs or Tariffs. This DS3 Private Line service must originate from distant POI and terminate in the Qwest Central Office in the local calling area.

1.7 The LIS InterLCA Facility may be used only to transport local exchange traffic between Qwest and CLEC customers located within the Qwest local calling area.

1.8 The LIS InterLCA Facility cannot be used to access unbundled network elements.

1.9 The LIS InterLCA Facility is available only where facilities are available. Qwest is not obligated to construct new facilities to provide a LIS InterLCA Facility.

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