

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**VarTecTelecom, Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement
Application** **Case No. PU-2632-01-663**

**Cellco Partnership/Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2634-01-665**

**TW Wireless, L.L.C./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2522-02-3**

**Sprint Spectrum L.P./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2517-02-4**

**Preferred Carrier Services, Inc./Qwest
Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2482-02-5**

**Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc./Qwest
Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2463-02-6**

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services,
Inc./Qwest Corporation
Interconnection Agreement Amendment
Application** **Case No. PU-2057-02-10**

ORDER

March 13, 2002

On December 31, 2001, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with VarTec Telecom, Inc. of Dallas, Texas (Case No. PU-2632-01-663). This agreement sets forth rates terms and conditions for interconnection of facilities, unbundled network elements, ancillary services and services for resale.

On December 28, 2001, Qwest filed an application for approval of amendments negotiated to interconnection agreements with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless of Walnut Creek, California (Case No. PU-2634-01-665). These amendments

set forth inter-carrier compensation for ISP-bound traffic to reflect the FCC Report and Order in CC Docket 99-68.

On January 3, 2002, Qwest filed applications for approval of amendments negotiated to interconnection agreement with TW Wireless, L.L.C. of Denver, Colorado (Case No. PU-2522-02-3) and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. of Overland Park, Kansas (Case No. PU-2517-02-4). These amendments add provisions to the original agreements relating to Qwest's Single Point of Presence service offering.

On January 3, 2002, Qwest filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Preferred Carrier Services, Inc. of Addison Texas (Case No. PU-2482-02-5). This amendment adds unbundled network element combinations to the original agreement.

Also on January 3, 2002, Qwest filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Integra Telecom of North Dakota, Inc. of Beaverton, Oregon (Case No. PU-2463-02-6). This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions to the original agreement for Enhanced Extended Loop.

On January 7, 2002, Qwest filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Case No. PU-2057-02-10). This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions to the original agreement for CLEC-to-CLEC Cross-Connections.

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.

On January 16, 2002, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until February 19, 2002. No comments have been received.

The Commission has reviewed the agreements and does not find them discriminatory against a telecommunications carrier that was not a party to the agreements. The Commission finds that implementation of the agreements is not inconsistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

Order

The Commission orders:

1. The captioned interconnection agreements are APPROVED.
2. The Commission retains continuing jurisdiction over the agreements at all times.
3. Notice of any changes to the agreements must be filed promptly with the Commission.
4. The agreements must not be assigned, assumed or otherwise transferred without the approval of the Commission.

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