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

**PU-2873-03-253**

**Polar Telcom, Inc./Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
Application**

**Filed 5/8/2003**

**Closed 7/7/2003**

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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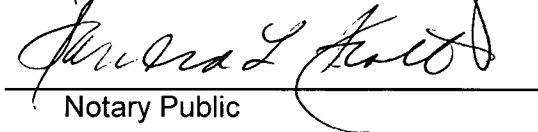
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**SANDRA L. SCOTT**  
Notary Public, STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
My Commission Expires JUNE 11, 2004

**MOTION**

July 2, 2003

**APPROVED**

DATE: 7-2-03  
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I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned interconnection agreements.

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**ORDER**

**July 2, 2003**

On May 5, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with WTC Competitive Services, Inc. of Wolverton, MN, Case No. PU-2869-03-234. This agreement adopts Qwest's 6<sup>th</sup> revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions.

On May 8, 2003, applications were filed for approval of interconnection agreements negotiated between WWC Holding Co. of Bellevue WA and each of the nine captioned North Dakota telephone service providers. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for specific interconnection and reciprocal compensation arrangements between the parties.

Also on May 8, 2003 Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Polar Telecom, Inc. of Park River, ND, Case No. PU-

07/02/2003

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

2873-03-253. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Transit Record Exchange.

On May 9, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company, LC of Overland Park, KS, Case No. PU-2271-03-257. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory.

On May 13, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-264. This amendment adds terms and conditions for Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan.

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 May 21, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until June 21, 2003. 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.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

 _____ <b>Susan E. Wefald</b> Commissioner	 _____ <b>Tony Clark</b> President	 _____ <b>Leo M. Reinbold</b> Commissioner
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Public Service Commission  
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5461

Received: 7/1/2003 Check# 1385 for \$28.62  
Subject: Utility Valuation

**Docket # PU-2873-03-253**

Polar Telcom, Inc.



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Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5450

Received: 7/1/2003 Check# 2280286 for \$28.61  
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**Docket # PU-2873-03-253**

Qwest  
5325 Zuni St Room 728  
Denver CO 80221

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Receipt# 5,450 \$28.61

by Qwest

07/01/2003

**APPROVED**

DATE: 6-18-03  
KMF

MOTION

June 18, 2003

Polar Telcom, Inc./Qwest Corporation  
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Case No. PU-2873-03-253

I move the Commission bill Polar Telcom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2873-03-253, Polar Telcom, Inc./Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



Public Service Commission  
State of North Dakota

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June 18, 2003

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RE: Case No. PU-2873-03-253  
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the June 18, 2003 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2873-03-253.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gloria Geiger".

Gloria Geiger  
Admin Staff Officer  
701-328-2401

Enc.

c: Director - Interconnection Compliance  
Qwest Corporation  
1801 California St Rm 2410  
Denver CO 80202

# Billing Statement

June 18, 2003

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**Bill To:**

Polar Telcom, Inc. ....	\$28.62
Qwest Corporation .....	\$28.61

**Expenses Incurred to Date:**

Advertising Costs	\$57.23
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**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**





# North Dakota Newspaper Association

1435 Interstate Loop  
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## INVOICE

JUN - 6

Order **17626-03061PP0**

Invoice # **18190**

June 5, 2003

Advertiser: **Public Service Commission**

Attn: **JONH. MIELKE**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**600 E. BOULEVARD AVE.**  
**STATE CAPITOL**  
**BISMARCK, ND 58505**

P.O.#:

Amount Due

**\$744.03**

Amount Paid

Voice: 701-328-4076

*Please detach and return this portion with your payment*

Public Service Commission Invoice # 17626-03061PP0-18190

Ad Size	Rate Type	Rate	Total	Discount (%)	Caption	Page	Run Date
<b>Bismarck Tribune (Bismarck ND)</b>							
120.00	SPR2	0.64	76.80	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Devils Lake Daily Journal (Devils Lake ND)</b>							
120.00	SPR2	0.63	75.60	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Dickinson Press (Dickinson ND)</b>							
129.00	SPR2	0.57	73.53	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Fargo, The Forum (Fargo ND)</b>							
103.00	SPR2	0.71	73.13	0.00	WTC - US Link		06/02/03
<b>Grand Forks Herald (Grand Forks ND)</b>							
111.00	SPR2	0.69	76.59	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/27/03
<b>Jamestown Sun (Jamestown ND)</b>							
134.00	SPR2	0.54	72.36	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Minot Daily News (Minot ND)</b>							
136.00	SPR2	0.54	73.44	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Valley City Times-Record (Valley City ND)</b>							
123.00	SPR3	0.61	75.03	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Wahpeton Daily News (Wahpeton ND)</b>							
141.00	SPR3	0.51	71.91	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03
<b>Williston Herald (Williston ND)</b>							
124.00	SPR2	0.61	75.64	0.00	WTC - US Link		05/28/03

Gross Advertising	744.03	Total Misc	0.00	Amount Paid	0.00
Agency Discount		Tax	0.00	Adjustments	0.00
Other Discount	0.00	Total Billed	744.03	Payment Date	
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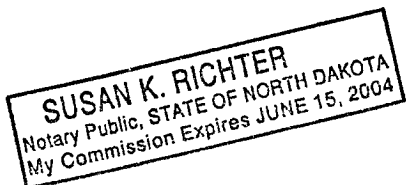
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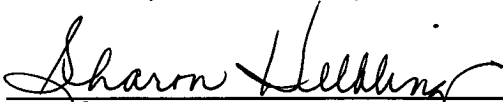
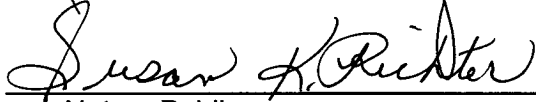
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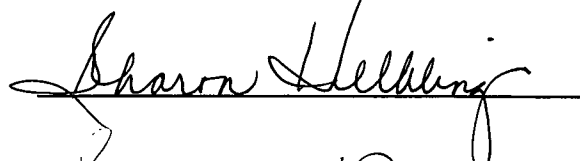
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I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

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**May 21, 2003**

On May 5, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an interconnection agreement negotiated with WTC Competitive Services, Inc. of Wolverton, MN, Case No. PU-2869-03-234. This agreement adopts Qwest's 6<sup>th</sup> revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions.

On May 8, 2003, applications were filed for approval of interconnection agreements negotiated between WWC Holding Co. of Bellevue WA and each of the nine captioned North Dakota telephone service providers. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for specific interconnection and reciprocal compensation arrangements between the parties.

Also on May 8, 2003 Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Polar Telecom, Inc. of Park River, ND, Case No. PU-

2873-03-253. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Transit Record Exchange.

On May 9, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Sprint Communications Company, LC of Overland Park, KS, Case No. PU-2271-03-257. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory..

On May 13, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes, MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-264. This agreement adds terms and conditions for Qwest's Performance Assurance Plan.

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

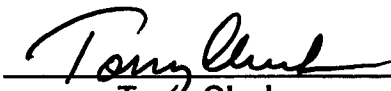
In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the Commission must act to approve or reject an agreement adopted by negotiation within ninety (90) days after submission by the parties.

**The Commission will receive written comments on these agreements until June 24, 2003.**

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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**Re: Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Polar Telecom**

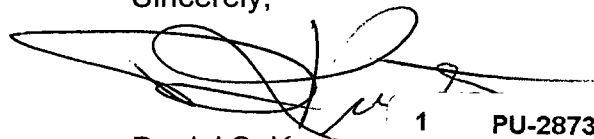
Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Polar Telecom and Qwest Corporation. The document amends an Interconnection Agreement that was approved by the Commission on May 9, 2001 in Case No. PU-2500-01-114. The Amendment adds terms and conditions for Transit Record Exchange. The contact person for Polar Telecom is Karen Johnson, Polar Telecom, 110 4<sup>th</sup> Street East, Park River, ND 58270. The telephone number for Ms. Johnson is 701-284-7221, ext 322.

Also enclosed is an extra copy of this letter. Please date stamp the extra copy and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

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

Sincerely,



Daniel S. Kuntz

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Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
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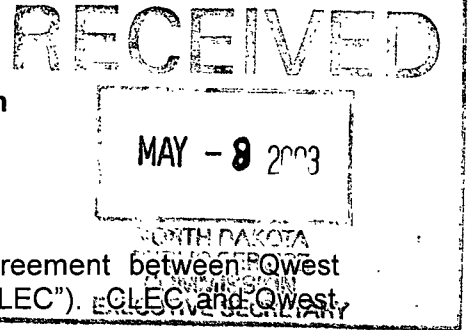
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**Transit Record Exchange Amendment  
to the Interconnection Agreement between  
Qwest Corporation and  
Polar Telecom  
for the State of North Dakota**



This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation "Qwest", a Colorado corporation, and Polar Telecom ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, CLEC and Qwest entered into an Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") for service in the state of North Dakota which was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") on May 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement 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, conditions and rates for the Transit Record Exchange as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

**Effective Date**

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

**Further Amendments; Waivers**

The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

**Entire Agreement**

This Amendment (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of this Amendment and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of this Amendment.

**Polar Telecom**

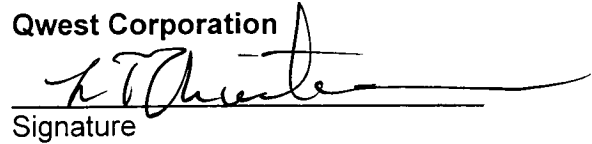
  
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**Qwest Corporation**

  
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Date

**ATTACHMENT 1****7.6 Transit Records**

7.6.1 Qwest and CLEC will exchange wireline network usage data originated by a wireline Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) where the NXX resides in a wireline LEC Switch, transits Qwest's network, and terminates to CLEC's network. Each Party agrees to provide to the other this wireline network usage data when Qwest or CLEC acts as a transit provider currently or in the future. The Parties understand that this information is Carrier protected information under §222 of the Communications Act and shall be used solely for the purposes of Billing the wireline LEC. CLEC will provide to Qwest information to be able to provide transit records on a mechanized basis when Technically Feasible. This includes, but is not limited to: service center information, Operating Company Number, and state jurisdiction. Qwest and CLEC agree to exchange wireline network usage data as Category 11-01-XX.

7.6.2 Qwest and CLEC will exchange wireless network usage data originated by a Wireless Service Provider (WSP) where the NXX resides in a WSP Switch, transits Qwest's network, and terminates to the CLEC's network. Each Party agrees to provide to the other this wireless network usage data when Qwest or CLEC acts as a transit provider currently or in the future. The Parties understand that this information is Carrier protected information under §222 of the Communications Act and shall be used solely for the purposes of Billing the WSP. The CLEC will provide to Qwest information to be able to provide transit records on a mechanized basis when Technically Feasible. This includes, but is not limited to: service center information, Operating Company Number and state jurisdiction. Qwest and CLEC agree to exchange wireless network usage data as Category 11-01-XX.

7.6.3 A charge will apply for Category 11-01-XX records sent in an EMR mechanized format. These records are used to provide information necessary for each Party to bill the Originating Carrier for transit when Technically Feasible. The charge is for each record created and transmitted and is listed in Exhibit A of this Amendment.

Exhibit A - North Dakota

Amendment				
Transit Record Exchange				
		Recurring	Non-Recurring	Notes
7.9.4 Category 11 Mechanized Record Charge, Per Record		\$ .001903		1
Notes				
# Denotes voluntary rate reduction.				
* Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are pursuant to the U S WEST and AT&T Interconnection Agreement approved by the North Dakota Public Utilities Commission in Docket Number PU-453-96-497, effective June 23, 1997.				
† Rates not addressed in AT&T Arbitration. (TELRIC)				

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