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

**PU-2745-03-278**  
**Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation**  
**Interconnection Agreement Amendment**  
**Application** 03  
**Filed 5/21/2003**      **Closed 8/18/2003**



Public Service Commission  
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5619

Received: 11/6/2003 Check# 2312249 for \$24.86  
Subject: Utility Valuation

**Docket # PU-2745-03-278**

Qwest  
5325 Zuni St Room 728  
Denver CO 80221

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Receipt# 5,619 \$24.86

by Qwest

11/06/2003



Public Service Commission  
Receipt of Payment

Receipt# 5610

Received: 11/4/2003 Check# 706260 for \$24.87  
Subject: Utility Valuation

**Docket # PU-2745-03-278**

Midcontinent Communications  
410 So. Phillips Ave.  
Sioux Falls SD 57104-6824

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Receipt# 5,610 \$24.87  
by Midcontinent Communications  
11/04/2003

**APPROVED**

DATE: 10-22-03  
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MOTION

October 22, 2003

Midcontinent Communications/  
Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
Application

Case No. PU-2745-03-278

I move the Commission bill Midcontinent Communications and Qwest Corporation for costs incurred to date in Case No. PU-2745-03-278, Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation, Interconnection Agreement Amendment, Application.



# Public Service Commission

State of North Dakota

## COMMISSIONERS

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October 22, 2003

Tom Simmons  
Midcontinent Communications Inc  
5001 W 41st St  
Sioux Falls SD 57106

Scott Macintosh  
Qwest Corporation  
PO Box 5508  
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

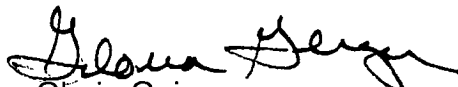
RE: Case No. PU-2745-03-278  
Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation  
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Enclosed is a copy of the statement approved at the October 22, 2003 Public Service Commission meeting for the expenses incurred to date in Case No. PU-2745-03-278.

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  
Admin Staff Officer  
701-328-2401

Enc.

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

# Billing Statement

October 22, 2003

Midcontinent Communications/  
Qwest Corporation  
Interconnection Agreement Amendment  
Application

Case No. PU-2745-03-278

## Bill To:

Midcontinent Communications .....	\$24.87
Qwest Corporation .....	\$24.86

## Expenses Incurred to Date:

Advertising Costs	\$49.73
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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**

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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Affidavit of Service

by Public Service Commission

08/18/2003

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry

**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 August, 2003**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota **eight** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and each containing a photocopy of:

**Order**

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dan Kuntz  
P O Box 1695  
Bismarck ND 58502-1695

**Cert. No. 7002 2410 0003 4912 3556**

Lauraine Harding  
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6400 C St SW  
Cedar Rapids IA 52406  
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WWC Holding Co Inc  
3650 131<sup>st</sup> Ave SE  
Bellevue WA 98006  
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U S Link Inc  
30925 3rd St  
Pequot Lakes MN 56472  
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P O Box 1000  
Minot ND 58702-1000  
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1860 Lincoln St 15th Fl  
Denver CO 80295  
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Bob Edgerly  
Nextel Communications Inc  
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Reston VA 20191  
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David L Dunning  
Polar Telcom  
110 4<sup>th</sup> St E  
Park River ND 58270  
**Cert. No. 7002 2410 0003 4912 3723**

**Sharon Helbling** further deposes and says that on the **15th day of August, 2003**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **10** envelopes by regular mail, with postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, each containing a photocopy of the same.

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Qwest Corporation  
P O Box 5508  
Bismarck ND 58502-5508

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

Mark Scallon  
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Dickey Rural Communications Inc  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
P O Box 69  
Ellendale ND 58436

Dave Dircks  
North Dakota Telephone Company  
P O Box 180  
Devils Lake ND 58301-0180

Darren Moser  
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Dickey Rural Communications Inc  
Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative  
P O Box 69  
Ellendale ND 58436

Ray Brown  
Moore and Liberty Telephone Company  
Griggs County Telephone Co.  
P O Box 66  
Enderlin ND 58027

Mark Wilhelmi  
Midstate Communications Inc  
Midstate Telephone Company  
215 S Main St  
Stanley ND 58784-0400

Keith Larson  
Dakota Central Telecom I Inc  
Dakota Central Telecommunications Coop  
P O Box 299  
Carrington ND 58421

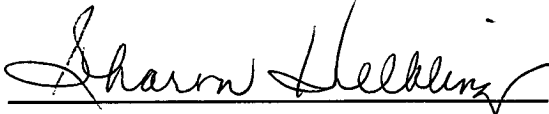
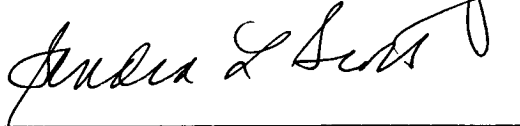
Ken Carlson  
United Telephone Mutual Aid Corp  
Turtle Mountain Communications  
411 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Langdon ND 58249

Jeffrey Olson  
Red River Telecom Inc  
Red River Rural Telephone Assoc  
P O Box 136  
Abercrombie ND 58001

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this **15th day of August, 2003.**

SEAL

  
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Notary Public

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

MOTION

August 13, 2003

**APPROVED**

DATE: 8-13-03  
KMF

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I move the Commission adopt the Order approving the captioned interconnection agreements.

JRL/sdh

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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**ORDER**

**August 13, 2003**

On May 20, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-275. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport.

On May 21, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Midcontinent Communications of Sioux Falls SD, Case No. PU-2745-03-278. This amendment adds terms regarding End Office with Local Tandem Functionality.

On June 11, 2003, applications were filed for approval of interconnection agreements negotiated between WWC Holding Co. of Bellevue WA and each of the fourteen captioned North Dakota telephone service providers. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for the mutual exchange and reciprocal compensation of traffic between the parties.

On June 12, 2003 Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids IA, Case No. PU-2799-03-334. This amendment extends effectiveness of previously approved compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

Also on June 12, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with TW Wireless LLC, Case No. PU-2522-03-335. This amendment establishes compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

Also on June 12, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Polar Telecom Communications, Inc. of Park River ND, Case No. PU-2500-03-339. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Directory Assistance and Operator Services.

On June 16, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc., Case No. PU-2630-03-349. This amendment adds rates terms and conditions for Unbundled Loop Elements – Provisioning Options.

On June 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement and separate amendment negotiated with Nextel West Corporation of Reston VA, Case No. PU-2888-03-360. This agreement adopts a previously approved agreement and any applicable amendments between Qwest f/k/a US WEST and Sprint Spectrum L.P. The separate amendment establishes compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

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 July 2, 2003, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, which provided that the Commission would receive comments on the agreements until August 5, 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

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Susan E. Wefald**  
Commissioner

  
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**Tony Clark**  
President

  
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**Kevin Cramer**  
Commissioner

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# Affidavit of Publication

Colleen Park, 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:  
PSC; Interconnection Agreement, 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.

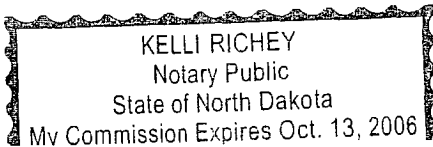
Signed: Colleen Park

State of ND

County of Burleigh

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 20 03.

Kelli Richey



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North Dakota Newspaper Association  
 1435 Interstate Loop  
 Bismarck, ND 58503-0567  
 Ph (701) 223-6397 • Fax (701) 223-8185

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**INVOICE**

Order 17847-03073PP1

Invoice # 21131

July 24, 2003

Advertiser: Public Service Commission

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

P.O.#:

Amount Due

**\$1,044.26**

Amount Paid

Voice: 701-328-4076

*Please detach and return this portion with your payment*

Public Service Commission Invoice # 17847-03073PP1-21131

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<b>Dickinson Press (Dickinson ND)</b>							
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<b>Fargo, The Forum (Fargo ND)</b>							
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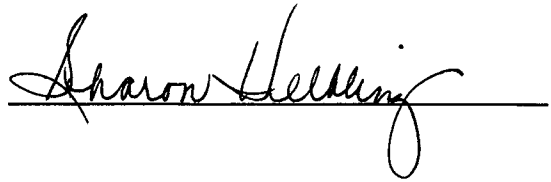
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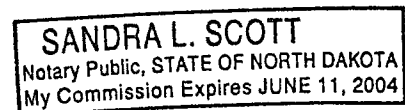


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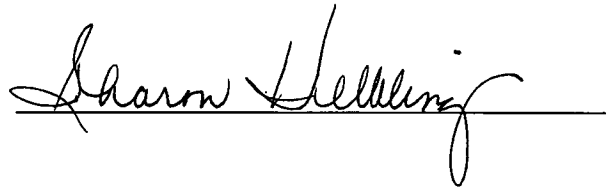
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**From:** Helbling, Sharon D.  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2003 8:14 AM  
**To:** ndna (E-mail)  
**Subject:** Attached Notices

**Colleen Park  
North Dakota Newspaper Association**

**Colleen:**

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

**You can send the bill directly to the Public Service Commission, along with a tear sheet for billing purposes.**

**If you have any questions, please let me know.**

**Thank you and Happy July 4th.**

**Sharon**

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CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

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**APPROVED**

**MOTION**

DATE: 7-2-03  
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**July 2, 2003**

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<b>Polar Telecom Communications, Inc./Qwest Corporation</b>	<b>Case No. PU-2873-03-339</b>
<b>U.S. Link, Inc./Qwest Corporation</b>	<b>Case No. PU-2630-03-349</b>
<b>Nextel West Corp./Qwest Corporation</b>	<b>Case No. PU-2888-03-360</b>

I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in the captioned applications for approval of interconnection agreements.

JRL/sdh

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**

**July 2, 2003**

On May 20, 2003, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc. of Pequot Lakes MN, Case No. PU-2630-03-275. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport.

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Notice of Opportunity to File Written  
Comments  
by Public Service Commission

07/02/2003

CC: Comm Legal Ilona Jerry .

On May 21, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Midcontinent Communications of Sioux Falls SD, Case No. PU-2745-03-278. This amendment adds terms regarding End Office with Local Tandem Functionality.

On June 11, 2003, applications were filed for approval of interconnection agreements negotiated between WWC Holding Co. of Bellevue WA and each of the fourteen captioned North Dakota telephone service providers. These agreements set forth rates, terms and conditions for the mutual exchange and reciprocal compensation of traffic between the parties.

On June 12, 2003 Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. of Cedar Rapids IA, Case No. PU-2799-03-334. This amendment extends effectiveness of previously approved compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

Also on June 12, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with TW Wireless LLC, Case No. PU-2522-03-335. This amendment establishes compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

Also on June 12, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with Polar Telecom Communications, Inc. of Park River ND, Case No. PU-2500-03-339. This amendment adds rates, terms and conditions for Directory Assistance and Operator Services.

On June 16, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an amendment negotiated to its interconnection agreement with U.S. Link, Inc., Case No. PU-2630-03-349. This amendment adds rates terms and conditions for Unbundled Loop Elements – Provisioning Options.

On June 24, 2003, Qwest filed for approval of an interconnection agreement and separate amendment negotiated with Nextel West Corporation of Reston VA, Case No. PU-2888-03-360. This agreement adopts a previously approved agreement and any applicable amendments between Qwest f/k/a US WEST and Sprint Spectrum L.P. The separate amendment establishes compensation arrangements for local and ISP-bound traffic.

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

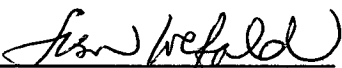


In addition, the Commission may include in its review state requirements that do not constitute barriers to entry under section 253. Section 252(e)(4) requires that the

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 August 5, 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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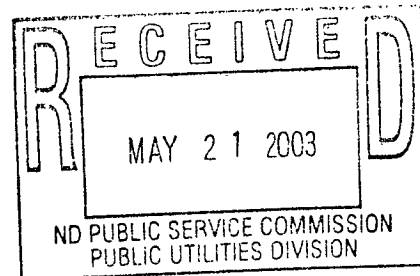
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May 21, 2003

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**Re: Amendment to Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Midcontinent Communications**

Dear Mr. Mielke:

Enclosed for filing are the original and seven copies of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Midcontinent Communications (f/k/a Midco Communications, Inc.) and Qwest Corporation. The document amends an Interconnection Agreement that was approved by the Commission on May 26, 1999 in Case No. PU-1945-99-125. The Amendment adds terms and conditions for End Office with Local Tandem Functionality. Contact information for Midcontinent Communications should be directed to Tom Simmons, Vice President and General Manager, Midcontinent Communications, Inc., 5001 West 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57106. The telephone number is 605-357-5491.

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.

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Cover Letter for Filing

by Midcontinent Communications/Qwest Corporation

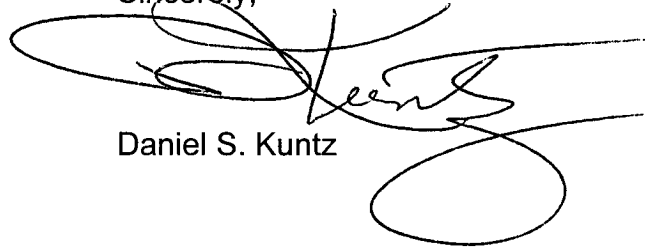
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Mr. Jon Mielke  
May 21, 2003  
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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Kuntz', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Daniel S. Kuntz

Enclosures

c: Scott Macintosh w/enc.  
Debra Hartl wo/enc.  
Tom Simmons wo/enc.

**End Office with Local Tandem Functionality (EO w/LTF) Amendment  
to the  
Interconnection Agreement  
between  
Qwest Corporation  
and  
Midcontinent Communications (f/k/a Midco Communications, Inc.)  
for the State of North Dakota**

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.) ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and Midcontinent Communications (f/k/a Midco Communications, Inc.) ("CLEC").

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement, for service in the State of North Dakota, that was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission on May 26, 1999, as referenced in Case No. PU-1945-99-125 ("Agreement"); 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**

This Amendment is made in order to add End Office with Local Tandem Functionality (EO w/LTF) language to the Agreement as set forth below:

To the extent Qwest is using a specific end office to deliver limited tandem switching functionality to itself, a wireless service provider, another CLEC, or another ILEC, it will arrange the same trunking for CLEC.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval; 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.

**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, amendments or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of this Amendment.

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.

**Midcontinent Communications**

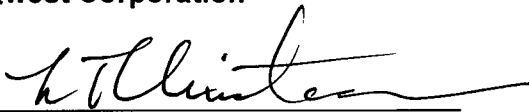
  
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