

Decision No. C03-0487

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 03T-119

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND MONTROSE INTERNET, INC.

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**DECISION GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR  
APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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Mailed Date: May 13, 2003

Adopted Date: May 7, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission on the joint motion of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Montrose Internet, Inc. (Montrose), for approval of an Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement was initially approved in Decision No. C03-0466 issued on May 9, 2003

2. The parties filed this Amendment on March 25, 2003. The parties have agreed to amend the Agreement to add rates, terms, and conditions for Shared Loop Distribution. Language in the Shared Distribution Loop was approved in Commission Decision No. C02-821, dated August 2, 2002.

3. Under the terms of the 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) “pick and choose” provision of the Act, Montrose may at some future date opt into the rates, terms, and conditions of Commission approved and currently effective agreements, amendments, Statements of Generally Available Terms and Conditions, or tariffs:

[a] local exchange carrier shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement approved under this section to which it is a party to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement.

4. Section 47 U.S.C. § 251 *et seq.* of the Act requires that the Commission review and approve or reject interconnection agreements involving incumbent local exchange carriers like Qwest. To comply with the Act, rates in negotiated agreements must be just and reasonable, nondiscriminatory, and based on the cost of providing the interconnection or network element. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). In reviewing agreements (or portions thereof) the Commission, generally, is guided by 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), requiring that interconnection agreements not discriminate against non-parties and be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

5. The Commission has not previously approved all the amended terms and conditions proposed here. However, we find it consistent with the directives of the Act, and our own interconnection agreement rules to approve the present amended terms and conditions subject to our own rules and general ratemaking proceedings.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The joint motion of Qwest Corporation and Montrose Internet, Inc., to amend their Interconnection Agreement is granted.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
May 7, 2003.**

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**ATTEST: A TRUE COPY**

*Bruce N. Smith*

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Director**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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CHAIRMAN GREGORY E. SOPKIN  
ABSENT.