

Decision No. C03-0883

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

DOCKET NO. 96A-345T

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RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE INTERCONNECTION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS  
BETWEEN AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES, INC. AND  
U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. SECTION 252.

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

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Mailed Date: August 11, 2003

Adopted Date: August 8, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission on the joint motion of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., for approval of an Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement was approved by the Commission in Decision No. C97-857, as subsequently amended.

2. The parties filed this Amendment on June 27, 2003. The parties have amended the Agreement to add rates, terms, and conditions for Unbundled Network Elements-Platform Combinations Line Splitting, Loop Splitting, UNE-Combinations and Interpretation and Construction Language. Attachments 1-3 of the Amendment are from the Unbundled Network Element Section 9.0 of Qwest's Ninth Revised Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions pursuant to Decision No. C03-0464, effective on May 3, 2003. Attachment 4 to the Amendment is language negotiated between the parties.

3. 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.

4. 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 AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., to amend their Interconnection Agreement is granted.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
August 8, 2003.**

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**ATTEST: A TRUE COPY**

**Bruce N. Smith  
Director**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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