

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 96A-329T

RE: IN THE MATTER OF TCG COLORADO PETITION FOR ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 TO ESTABLISH AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

**DECISION APPROVING REPORT OF ADOPTION
OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED AMENDMENT**

Mailed Date: October 16, 2003
Adopted Date: October 15, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on the submittal of a Report of Adoption filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and TCG-Colorado (TCG), pursuant to 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-44-6.¹ The original Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between Qwest and TCG for the provision of Qwest's local exchange services was approved in Decision No. C97-50 issued January 15, 1997, as amended.

2. The Parties filed this Report of Adoption on September 16, 2003. The Parties have agreed to amend their Agreement to add rates, terms, and conditions incorporating the Colorado Performance Assurance Plan and Performance Indicator Definitions. These terms and conditions are taken directly from Exhibits K and B, respectively, of the Ninth Revised Colorado

¹ Colorado Public Utilities Commission Rules Establishing Procedures Relating to Submission for Approval of Interconnection Agreements, and any Amendments to Interconnection Agreements within Colorado by Telecommunications Carriers.

Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions, effective by operation of law on May 3, 2003, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Decision No. C03-0464, mailed on May 5, 2003.

3. The Parties have complied with the requirements of 4 CCR 723-44 *et seq.* for the submission for approval of amendments to interconnection agreements. Additionally, the Report of Adoption contains all information required in 4 CCR 723-44-6.

4. Pursuant to § 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act), 47 U.S.C. § 252(i), an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC) shall make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided under an agreement or amendment previously approved by this Commission to which the ILEC is a party to any other requesting local exchange carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the Agreement.

5. Section 47 U.S.C. § 251 *et seq.* of the Act requires that the Commission review and approve or reject interconnection agreements involving ILECs 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(d). 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.

6. The Commission has previously approved the amended rates, terms, and conditions in the Amendments adopted by the parties. We find it consistent with the directives of the Act, and our own interconnection agreement rules to approve the Report of Adoption subject to our own rules and general rate-making proceedings.

II. ORDER

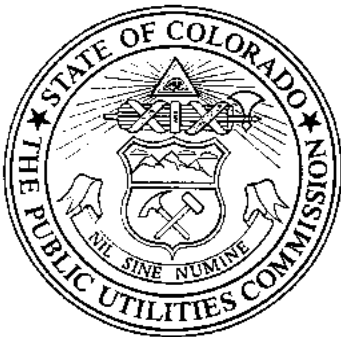
A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The joint filing of a Report of Adoption by Qwest Corporation and TCG-Colorado to amend their Interconnection Agreement is granted.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 15, 2003.**

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**Bruce N. Smith
Director**

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