BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03T-011

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND SAN ISABEL TELECOM, INC.

DECISION GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Mailed Date: March 18, 2004 Adopted Date: March 17, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

- 1. This matter comes before the Commission on the joint motions of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and San Isabel Telecom, Inc. (San Isabel), for approval of Amendments to their Interconnection Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement was initially approved in Decision No. C03-0206, issued February 24, 2003, and then subsequently amended.
- 2. The motions seek approval of an amendment adding rates, terms, and conditions for collocation available inventory and approval of an amendment adding special promotional rates for available inventory of collocation sites. The Parties filed these voluntarily negotiated Amendments on February 6, 2004, pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-44-4.
- 3. Under the terms of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i), the "pick and choose" provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), San Isabel may at some future date opt into the rates,

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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 of the amended rates 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 motions of Qwest Corporation and San Isabel Telecom, Inc., to amend their Interconnection Agreement to add rates, terms, and conditions for Collocation Available Inventory and rates, terms, and conditions for a Special Promotion for Available Inventory of Collocation Sites are granted.
 - 2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

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B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING March 17, 2004.

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