

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04T-211

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND SOUTHEAST COLORADO
POWER ASSOCIATION, INC. D/B/A SECOM.

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

Mailed Date: July 26, 2004
Adopted Date: July 20, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a joint motion of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and the Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc., doing business as SECOM (SECOM), for approval of an amendment to their Interconnection Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement was initially approved in Decision No. C04-0502 issued May 14, 2004.

2. The motion seeks approval of rates, terms, and conditions for a special promotion for available inventory of collocation sites and for collocation available inventory. The Parties filed this voluntarily negotiated Amendment on May 21, 2004, pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-44-4.

3. Under the terms of 47 U.S.C. § 252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act), SECOM may at some future date opt into the terms and conditions of Commission approved and currently effective agreements:

[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 previously approved all of the amended rates and conditions proposed here. 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 Southeast Colorado Power Association, Inc., doing business as SECOM to amend their Interconnection Agreement is granted.

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 20, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners