

Decision No. C04-1243

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 98T-042

THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
U S WEST COMMUNICATION, INC. AND NEXTLINK COLORADO, L.L.C.

**DECISION APPROVING REPORT OF
ADOPTION OF PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Mailed Date: October 25, 2004
Adopted Date: October 20, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for consideration of a Report of Adoption filed by Qwest Corporation, formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), and XO Colorado, Inc., formerly known as NEXTLINK Colorado, L.L.C. (XO) pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-44-6.¹ The original Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between Qwest and XO for the provision of Qwest's local exchange services was approved in Decision No. C98-259 issued March 12, 1998 and subsequently amended.

2. The Parties filed the Report of Adoption on September 29, 2004. The Parties have decided to amend their Agreement to add rates, terms, and conditions of Section 8 of Qwest's 9th Revised Colorado Statement of Generally Available Terms and Conditions (SGAT),

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.

which concerns CLEC-to-CLEC cross connections, as well as all amendments thereto. The language of the amendment is taken directly from Qwest's Ninth Revised SGAT, effective by operation of law on May 3, 2003. Rates are identical to those taken from SGAT Exhibit A.

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 XO Colorado, Inc. is granted.
2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners

COMMISSIONER POLLY PAGE ABSENT.