

Decision No. C04-1408

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

DOCKET NO. 02T-600

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND AFFINITY TELECOM INC.  
D/B/A C-COM.

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

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Mailed Date: December 7, 2004  
Adopted Date: November 17, 2004

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission on the joint motion of Qwest Corporation (Qwest) and Affinity Telecom, Inc., doing business as C-COM (Affinity) for approval of an Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement was initially approved in Decision No. C02-1327 issued November 26, 2002.

2. The Parties filed this negotiated Amendment on October 5, 2004. This motion seeks to amend the Agreement by adding terms and conditions for Single Point of Presence in the LATA. The Parties filed this voluntarily negotiated Amendment 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, Affinity 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 not previously approved all of the amended terms and conditions proposed here. However, because this amendment is voluntarily negotiated between the two parties, 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 Affinity Telecom, Inc. to amend their Interconnection Agreement is granted.

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
November 17, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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