

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NO. NIA-97-22
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NOS. 1 AND 2 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued September 18, 2000)

On July 5, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a first and second amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The first amendment added terms, conditions, and rates for unbundled network elements combinations, and the second amendment added reciprocal compensation language to the agreement. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Board approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement on December 15, 1997. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On July 24, 2000, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendments to the agreement within 30 days of the filing. No comments were filed.

Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A), the Board may reject a negotiated interconnection agreement or amendment if it finds either (1) the agreement or

amendment discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (2) the implementation of the agreement or amendment is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Based upon the record made in this docket, the filed amendment does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and is not inconsistent with the public purpose, and will be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on July 5, 2000, by U S West Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of September, 2000.