

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. 3 AND 4 TO NEGOTIATED
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued September 19, 2000)

On August 9, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a third and fourth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement. The third amendment added terms, conditions, and rates for load coil/bridge taps and for DS3 capable loops. The fourth amendment added terms, conditions, and rates for interconnection distribution frames. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Utilities Board (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 August 16, 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. 3 and 4 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on August 9, 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 19th day of September, 2000.