

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. NIA-97-22</p>
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued March 20, 2001)

On February 1, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., filed a sixth amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement to add terms, conditions, and rates for xDSL-I Loop (IDSL) to part III of the agreement. The proceeding was identified as Docket No. NIA-97-22. The Utilities Board (Board) on December 15, 1997, had approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On February 12, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written comments supporting approval or rejection of 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:**

Amendment No. 6 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on February 1, 2001, 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/ Sharon Mayer  
Acting Executive Secretary, Asst. to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2001.