

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION, AND COMMCHOICE OF IOWA, LLC	DOCKET NO. NIA-98-10
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**ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENT NOS. 2 AND 3 TO NEGOTIATED  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

(Issued May 16, 2001)

On March 1, 2001, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), and CommChoice of Iowa, LLC (CommChoice), filed a second amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement adding terms and conditions for LIS inter local calling area facility, and terms, conditions, and rates for single point of presence in the LATA. On March 5, 2001, Qwest and Commchoice filed a third amendment to their negotiated interconnection agreement to replace the interim line sharing and add terms, conditions, and rates for line sharing. The amendment though states that negotiations are continuing on final pricing terms. Both filings were identified as Docket No. NIA-98-10. The Utilities Board (Board), on May 21, 1998, had approved the initial negotiated interconnection agreement. Review by the Board of this amendment is pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e). On March 21, 2001, the Board issued an order allowing any interested party the opportunity to submit written

comments supporting approval or rejection of the amendments 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 amendments do not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier and are not inconsistent with the public purpose, and will be approved.

The filing for Amendment No. 3 indicated that all of the final rates had not been agreed to by Qwest and CommChoice. When those rates are finally agreed to, an amendment to the negotiated interconnection agreement will need to be filed to incorporate those rates into the agreement.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. Amendment No. 2 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 1, 2001, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and CommChoice of Iowa, LLC, is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

2. Amendment No. 3 to the negotiated interconnection agreement filed on March 5, 2001, by U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation, and CommChoice of Iowa, LLC, is approved to be effective upon the issuance of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.