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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**JOINT APPLICATION OF QWEST
CORPORATION AND MCLEODUSA
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A WIRELINE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(E)**

CASE NO.: QWE-T-00-7

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (“McLeod”) hereby jointly file this Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (“Amendment”), which was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on November 13, 2000 (the “Agreement”). A copy of the Amendment is submitted herewith.

This Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”).

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an amendment reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the amendment (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this

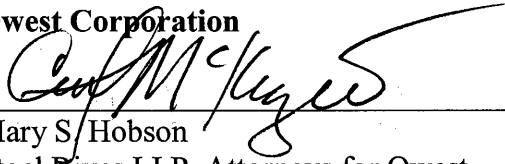
agreement; or the implementation of such an amendment (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

McLeod and Qwest respectfully submit this Amendment provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore jointly request that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously. This Amendment is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expeditious approval of this Amendment will enable McLeod to interconnect with Qwest facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

McLeod and Qwest further request that the Commission approve this Amendment without a hearing. Because this Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of August, 2004.

Qwest Corporation



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and

Julia Redman-Carter
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of August, 2004, I served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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**DC Power Measuring Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation and
McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.
for the State of Idaho**

This Amendment ("Amendment") is to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation (f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc.) ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("CLEC"), an Iowa corporation.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement, for service in the state of Idaho, that was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on November 9, 2000, as referenced in Docket No. QWE-T-00-07 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement under the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding the terms, conditions and rates for DC Power Measuring, as set forth in Attachment 1, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon Commission approval; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution. To accommodate this need, CLEC must generate, if necessary, an updated Customer Questionnaire. In addition to the Questionnaire, all system updates will need to be completed by Qwest. CLEC will be notified when all system changes have been made. Actual order processing may begin once these requirements have been met. Additionally, Qwest shall implement any necessary billing changes within two (2) billing cycles after the latest execution date of this Amendment, with a true-up back to the latest execution date of this Amendment by the end of the second billing cycle. The Parties agree that so long as Qwest implements the billing changes and the true-up as set forth above, the CLEC's bills shall be deemed accurate and adjusted without error.

Amendments; Waivers

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach

of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

**McLeodUSA Telecommunications
Services, Inc.**

James E. Thompson
Signature

James E. Thompson
Name Printed/Typed

GVP, General Counsel and Secretary
Title

August 17, 2004
Date

Qwest Corporation

L. T. Christensen
Signature

L. T. Christensen
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Director – Interconnection Agreements
Title

8/18/04
Date

ATTACHMENT 1

DC Power Measuring

1.0 Monitoring

1.1 CLEC orders DC power in increments of twenty (20) amps whenever possible. If CLEC orders an increment larger than sixty (60) amps, engineering practice normally terminates such feed on a power board. IF CLEC orders an increment smaller than or equal to sixty (60) amps, the terminations will normally appear on a Battery Distribution Fuse Board (BDFB).

1.2 If CLEC orders sixty (60) amps or less, it will normally be placed on a BDFB where no monitoring will occur since the power usage rate reflects a discount from the rates for those feeds greater than sixty (60) amps. If CLEC orders more than sixty (60) amps of power, it normally will be placed on the power board. Qwest will monitor usage at the power board on a semi-annual basis. However, Qwest also agrees to take a reading within thirty (30) Days of a written CLEC request, after CLEC's installation of new equipment. Qwest will perform a maximum of four (4) readings per year on a particular collocation site. Based on these readings, if CLEC is utilizing less than the ordered amount of power, Qwest will reduce the monthly usage rate to CLEC's actual use. If CLEC is utilizing more than the ordered amount, Qwest will increase the monthly usage rate to the CLEC's actual use. Until such time that CLEC places equipment and a request is received from CLEC to monitor, Qwest will bill CLEC based on the amount of power ordered. Once Qwest receives a CLEC monitoring request, it will bill the actual power usage rate from the date of the CLEC's monitoring request until the next reading. The next reading date may be generated as a result of the CLEC request or a Qwest routine reading and Billing will be adjusted on whichever date comes first.

2.0 Rate Elements - All Collocation

2.1 -48 Volt DC Power Usage and AC Usage Charges. Provide -48 volt DC power to CLEC collocated equipment and is fused at one hundred twenty-five percent (125%) of request. The DC Power Usage Charge is for the capacity of the power plant available for CLEC's use. The AC Usage Charge is for the power used by CLEC. Both the DC Power Usage Charge and the AC Usage Charge are applied on a per ampere basis.

2.2 The -48 Volt DC Power Usage Charge is specified in Exhibit A of the Agreement and applies to the quantity of -48 Volt Capacity specified by the CLEC in its order.

2.2.1 -48Volt DC Power Usage Charge – Applies on a per amp basis to all orders of greater than sixty (60) amps. Qwest will initially apply the -48 Volt DC Power Usage Charge from Exhibit A of the Agreement to the quantity of power ordered by CLEC. Qwest will determine the actual usage at the power board as described in Section 1.2. There is a one (1) amp minimum charge for -48 Volt DC Power Usage.

2.3 CLEC rates for Collocation must be included in CLEC's existing Interconnection Agreement with Qwest prior to amending with DC Power Monitoring (Measuring) Amendment.