BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR APPROVAL OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION AND NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC. D/B/A NEW EDGE NETWORKS	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT** **TC00-182**

On November 8, 2000, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed for approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a first amendment to an interconnection agreement between New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks (New Edge) and Qwest. The first amendment replaces an interim line sharing agreement.

On November 9, 2000, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing of the first amendment to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until November 29, 2000, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed January 4, 2001, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the negotiated first amendment to the agreement between Qwest and New Edge. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the first amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the first amendment and the first amendment is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the first amendment to the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the negotiated first amendment to the agreement as described herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of January, 2001.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Delaine Kolbo

Date: 1/12/01

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner