

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE CONTRACT FILING)
OF QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A) DOCKET NO. 70000-1643-TK-17
CENTURYLINK QC FOR AUTHORITY TO) DOCKET NO. 70209-14-TK-17
ENTER INTO AMENDMENTS TO THE) (RECORD NO. 14684)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
NEUTRAL TANDEM-WYOMING, LLC F/K/A)
NEUTRAL TANDEM, INC.)

NOTICE AND ORDER

(Issued August 15, 2017)

1. This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the April 3, 2017, contract filing of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) for authority to enter into two separate amendments to its Local Exchange Interconnection and Bill and Keep Agreement with Neutral Tandem-Wyoming, LLC f/k/a Neutral Tandem, Inc. (Neutral Tandem), pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).¹ The Commission approved the underlying Interconnection Agreement on March 21, 2013, in Docket Nos. 70000-1552-TK-13 and 70209-9-TK-13. The proposed amendment adds terms and conditions governing the exchange of traffic between Neutral Tandem, as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider, and CenturyLink. Specifically, the amendment is in response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Order, FCC 11-189 in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*. Additionally, the parties amend the Bill and Keep Reciprocal Compensation terms of the Interconnection Agreement by adding terms and conditions specific to ISP-Bound Traffic utilizing the bill and keep compensation mechanism. The parties further amended Neutral Tandem's entity name.

2. Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), the Commission may reject a negotiated agreement, or any part of such agreement, if it finds (a) the agreement, or any portion of it, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (b) the implementation of such an agreement, or portion of the agreement, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

3. The Commission considered this matter at a regularly scheduled Open Meeting on June 29, 2017, at which it found and concluded that the above referenced amendments generally comport with the standards set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and (ii). The amendments are nondiscriminatory, promote competition in Wyoming, and are consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

4. Public notice of the Contract Filing and the Commission's Notice and Order shall be via Wyoming GovDelivery in the following form:

¹ A provision of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given authority for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) to enter into two separate amendments to its Local Exchange Interconnection and Bill and Keep Agreement with Neutral Tandem-Wyoming, LLC f/k/a Neutral Tandem, Inc. (Neutral Tandem). The filing in this matter was made on April 3, 2017, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The amendment adds terms and conditions governing the exchange of traffic between Neutral Tandem, as a Carrier Partner for an Interconnected VoIP Provider, and CenturyLink. Specifically, the amendment is in response to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Order, FCC 11-189 in Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*. Additionally, the parties amend the Bill and Keep Reciprocal Compensation terms of the Interconnection Agreement by adding terms and conditions specific to ISP-Bound Traffic utilizing the bill and keep compensation mechanism. The parties further amended Neutral Tandem's entity name.

Under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A)(i) and (ii), the Commission may reject a negotiated agreement, or any part of such agreement, if it finds (a) the agreement, or any portion of it, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement, or (b) the implementation of such an agreement, or portion of the agreement, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

This is not a complete description of the amendments to the underlying Interconnection Agreement. The amended Agreement is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

If you wish to provide the Commission with a statement or other comment regarding these Amendments, please do so in writing on or before September 15, 2017. Thereafter, the Commission will further review the amendments and any statements filed with respect thereto, and will decide them under the above criteria.

If you need additional information in this matter, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket Nos. 70000-1643-TK-17 and 70209-14-TK-17 (Record No. 14684) when you call or write.

Dated: August 15, 2017.

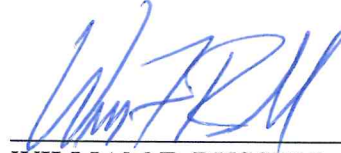
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on June 29, 2017, the contract filing of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for authority to enter into two separate amendments to its Local Exchange Interconnection and Bill and Keep Agreement with Neutral Tandem-Wyoming, LLC f/k/a Neutral Tandem, Inc., is approved.

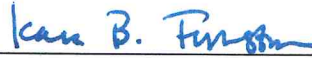
2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on August 15, 2017.

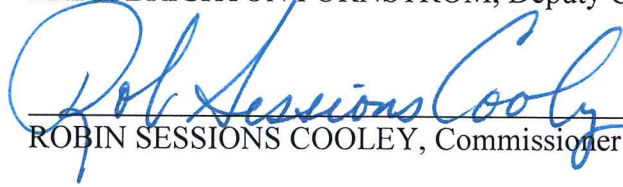
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