



BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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WILLIAM A. MUNDELL
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Commissioner

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL)
OF AN UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENT)
PLATFORM AMENDMENT TO THE)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION)
SERVICES, LLC FOR THE STATE OF)
ARIZONA)

DOCKET NOS. T-01051B-01-0836
T-035/4A-01-0836

DECISION NO. 64298

ORDER

Open Meeting
December 18 and 19, 2001
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 23, 2001, Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") filed an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC for the State of Arizona ("MCImetro"). The original Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Commission on July 30, 1997, in Decision No. 60308.

2. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for Interconnection and Resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation.

3. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

4. Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for the Unbundled Network Elements Platform ("UNE-P") are added.

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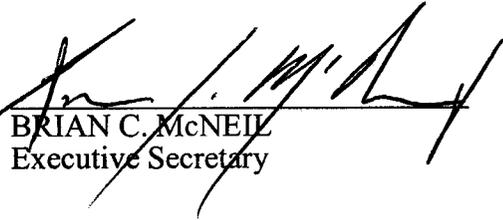
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Commission hereby approves the UNE-P Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCI metro filed on October 23, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, BRIAN C. McNEIL, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 28th day of December, 2001.



BRIAN C. McNEIL
Executive Secretary

DISSENT: _____

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: November 28, 2001

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE UNBUNDLED NETWORK ELEMENTS PLATFORM AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, LLC. FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA (DOCKET NOS. T-01051B-01-0836 AND T-03574A-01-0836)

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The Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("1996 Act") directed incumbent local exchange carriers to make their networks available for interconnection and resale by new entrants to the local exchange market. The 1996 Act provides for interconnection and resale agreements to be concluded by voluntary negotiation. This Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro was voluntarily negotiated, without resort to arbitration.

Under the terms of this Amendment, terms and conditions for the Unbundled Network Elements Platform are added.

According to the 1996 Act and State Rule, the Commission must approve voluntarily negotiated interconnection and resale agreements if their provisions are non-discriminatory and in the public interest. Staff has reviewed the Amendment and finds it to be non-discriminatory and in the public interest. Qwest is offering the same terms and conditions of the Agreement to all other interested parties. The Agreement is in the public interest because it will act to further competition in the local exchange market in Arizona.

THE COMMISSION

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Since there are no grounds for rejection of the Amendment pursuant to Section 252(e)(2)(A) of the 1996 Act, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest and MCImetro.



Ernest G. Johnson

Director

Utilities Division

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