

The Commission met on **Thursday, January 13, 2005**, with Chairperson Koppendray and Commissioners Johnson, Nickolai, Pugh, and Reha present.

Comment [COMMENT1]: Minutes by Peter Brown. 4 motions were made.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGENDA

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission take action regarding three dockets as follows:

P-415,421/CP-04-1777

In the Matter of a Consumer Petition to Change Local Service Provider Involving the Melrose Telephone Company and Qwest Corporation

1. find that no dispute exists regarding telephone exchange boundaries between Melrose Telephone Company's Richmond exchange and Qwest Corporation's Cold Spring exchange and that the petitioners reside within the Richmond exchange;
2. find that there is no legal basis for the Commission to order Qwest Corporation to serve the petitioners, who reside outside of Qwest Corporation's service area;
3. deny the petitioners' petition with prejudice and close the docket.

The motion passed 5-0.

P-6067/RV-04-1883

In the Matter of the Revocation of Optical Telephone Corporation's Certificate of Authority

Commissioner Nickolai moved that the Commission revoke Optical Telephone Corporation's Certificate of Authority and notify all local exchange carriers and interexchange carriers that Optical Telephone Corporation is no longer authorized to provide service in Minnesota.

The motion passed 5-0.

P-466/EM-04-1835

In the Matter of Sprint Communications Company's Request to Amend Certificate of Authority to Enable the Company to Expand its Local Service Area

Commissioner Johnson moved that the Commission

1. grant conditional approval of the request of Sprint Communications Company to amend its certificate of authority to allow the Company to expand its service area and provide facilities-based and resold local exchange services in the rest of the exchanges in Minnesota that are not covered by its existing certification;

2. clarify that before the conditional certificate of authority to provide facilities based and resold local exchange services in the expanded service area becomes operational, the Company must (i) file and receive Commission approval of an interconnection agreement with the affected incumbent local exchange carriers and (ii) comply with the approval of its revised 911 plan for the expanded service area; and
3. clarify that before the Company begins to provide facilities local services in the expanded service area, it must make any necessary amendments to its existing tariff.

The motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Reha moved that the Commission take action in six dockets as follows:

P-5520,421/IC-04-1720

In the Matter of the Joint Application by Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation for Approval of the Amendment to Their Interconnection Agreement

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;
2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and
4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving the revised amendment as of the date of the filing;

P-421,5860/IC-04-1800

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Telecom, Inc. Qwest Corporation for Approval of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between SBC Telecom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;

2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and
4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving the revised amendment as of the date of the filing;

P-6390,421/IC-04-1759

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Access Communications Technologies, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for Approval of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Access Communications Technologies, Inc. and Qwest Corporation

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;
2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and
4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving the revised amendment as of the date of the filing;

P-5634,421/IC-04-1799

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Prairiewave Telecommunications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for Approval of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Prairiewave Telecommunications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;
2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's

findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and

4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving the revised amendment as of the date of the filing;

P, PT-6415,421/IC-04-1807

In the Matter of the Joint application of NorthStar Telecom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation for approval of the amendment to an interconnection agreement between NorthStar Telecom, Inc. and Qwest Corporation

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;
2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and
4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving the revised amendment as of the date of the filing; and

P-6387,421/IC-04-1872

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Nextera Communications, LLC and Qwest Corporation for Approval of the Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement Between Nextera Communications, LLC and Qwest Corporation

1. reject Qwest's recommendation that the Commission approve the Amendment and instead reject the Amendment;
2. state that the Amendment will be approved if Southwestern Bell Communications Services d/b/a SBC Long Distance and Qwest Corporation, the parties to the Amendment, remove or modify the language cited in paragraphs IIB on page 2 of the Amendment;
3. require the parties either to file revised amendments incorporating the Commission's findings of deficiencies, or inform the Commission that agreement has not been reached and to do so within two weeks of the service date of the Commission's Order; and
4. delegate authority to the Executive Secretary to examine any revisions filed by the Parties, confirm that the deficiencies have been corrected and issue a letter to the Parties approving

the revised amendment as of the date of the filing.

The motion was adopted, 5-0.

There being no further telecommunications business, the telecommunications agenda was adjourned and was followed by the energy agenda.

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION: JANUARY 26, 2005

Burl W. Haar, Executive Secretary