

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

This is an Amendment ("Amendment") to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), a Colorado corporation, and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("CLEC"). CLEC and Qwest shall be known jointly as the "Parties".

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement for service in the state of North Dakota, which was approved by the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") on May 26, 1999, as referenced in Order No. PU-2057-99-109 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to amend the Agreement further 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 terms, conditions and rates for DC Power Reduction Procedure, as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Rates in Exhibit A shall be updated to reflect legally binding decisions of the Commission and shall be applied on a prospective basis from the effective date of the legally binding Commission decision, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

**Effective Date**

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission; 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.

### **Further Amendments**

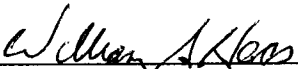

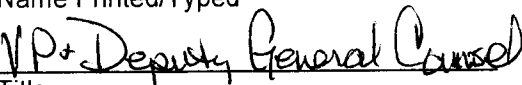
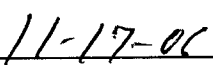
Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions of this Amendment may 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**

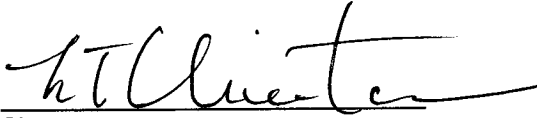
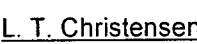
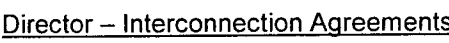
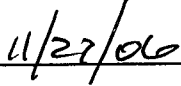
The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties,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

  
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Signature  
  
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Name Printed/Typed  
  
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#### **Qwest Corporation**

  
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Name Printed/Typed  
  
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Date

## **ATTACHMENT 1**

### **DC Power Reduction Procedure**

#### **1.0 Ordering**

1.1 DC Power Reduction. DC Power Reduction With Reservation allows CLEC to reserve a fuse or breaker position on the power board or battery distribution fuse board (BDFB) when reducing a secondary power feed to zero. CLEC will pay a monthly power maintenance charge to retain the existing power cabling and fuse position for future power augment requests or until such time as CLEC notifies Qwest it wishes to discontinue the option. DC Power Reduction Without Reservation allows CLEC to reduce the ordered amps on a primary or secondary feed to a minimum of twenty (20) amps.

1.2 Applications for DC Power Reduction may be submitted only for Collocation sites that have been completed and accepted by CLEC, otherwise CLEC should follow standard change or augment procedures including the applicable rates for changes or augments. On the Collocation Application, CLEC should indicate that it is a request for DC Power Reduction and identify the specific power feeds to be reduced. Qwest will notify CLEC of any deficiencies in the Collocation Application, within ten (10) Days of receipt. A quotation for the DC Power Reduction will be provided to CLEC within twenty-five (25) Days. The quoted nonrecurring charges will be honored for thirty (30) Days from the quotation. CLEC payment of all quoted nonrecurring charges constitutes acceptance and Qwest will then perform the work. If CLEC accepts the quotation within seven (7) Days, Qwest shall complete the DC Power Reduction within ninety (90) Days of receipt of the Collocation Application. If CLEC accepts the quotation after seven (7) Days, Qwest shall complete the DC Power Reduction within ninety (90) Days of receipt of CLEC's acceptance.

1.3 CLEC assumes all responsibility for outages or impacts to CLEC services and equipment due to the reduction in DC power. Restoration of the DC power is contingent upon the desired power and fuse availability.

1.4 Before submitting a Collocation Application requesting DC Power Reduction, CLEC's financial obligations for the Collocation site must be current, with the exception of formally disputed charges. Billing to CLEC will be revised to reflect the reduced DC power upon receipt of payment of the quoted charges effective back to the date of acceptance by Qwest of the Collocation Application.

1.5 If a shortage of fuse positions is imminent, Qwest will notify CLEC of the need to exercise its option to reuse the power feed and fuse, or relinquish the fuse position for use by another CLEC or Qwest. Upon receipt of such notification, CLEC must request restoration of the secondary power feed to at least twenty (20) amps or return the fuse position to Qwest within thirty (30) Days.

## **2.0 Rate Elements**

2.1 DC Power Reduction and Restoration Rates: CLEC will be charged the applicable nonrecurring Quote Preparation Fee (QPF) or Engineering and Design Fee to perform the engineering and planning work to process the DC power reduction or DC power restoration request per Collocation space. Nonrecurring charges associated with the work required to reduce the fuse or breaker size, rewiring the power lead at the power source or relocation of the power feed will be on an ICB basis. When power is restored, nonrecurring charges will be assessed on an ICB basis for the work required to restore the power utilizing standard power rate elements for power usage, labor and cabling charges. CLEC will be charged a nonrecurring charge for moves between the battery distribution fuse board and the power board (for location changes) necessary for DC power reduction/restoration. A recurring power maintenance charge is associated with the option to hold the power infrastructure for a secondary feed for potential future use by CLEC. The recurring charge will terminate on the date a restoration job completes for the power feed or CLEC returns the fuse position to Qwest. If Qwest is unable to provide the requested power restoration of the held feed(s) due to exhaustion of power capacity, Qwest will refund all Power Maintenance Charges collected since the reservation was accepted.

**Negotiation's Template Exhibit A  
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| Amendment                                      |   |  |           |                    |               | Notes |              |     |
|--|---|--|-----------|--------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-----|
|  |   |  | Recurring | Recurring Per Mile | Non-Recurring | REC   | REC per Mile | N/C |
| <b>1.0 Collocation</b>                         |   |  |           |                    |               |       |              |     |
| <b>8.13 DC Power Reduction and Restoration</b> |   |  |           |                    |               |       |              |     |
| 8.13.1   | Power Reduction   |  |           |                    |               |       |              |     |
| 8.13.1.1                                       | Quote Preparation Fee, per Office                           |  |           |                    | \$761.34      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.1.2                                       | Power Reduction, with or without Reservation, per Feed Set  |  |           |                    |               |       |              |     |
| 8.13.1.2.1                                     | Less Than 60 Amps   |  |           |                    | \$534.95      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.1.2.2                                     | Equal To 60 Amps  |  |           |                    | \$764.81      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.1.2.3                                     | Greater Than 60 Amps  |  |           |                    | \$968.64      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.1.3                                       | Power Off, per Feed Set, per Secondary Feed                 |  |           |                    | \$671.96      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.1.4                                       | Power Maintenance Charge (Reservation Charge), per Fuse Set |  | \$68.21   |                    |               | C     |              |     |
| 8.13.1.5                                       | Location Change from Power Board to BDFB                    |  |           |                    | ICB           |       |              | 3   |
| 8.13.2   | Power Restoration   |  |           |                    |               |       |              |     |
| 8.13.2.1                                       | Quote Preparation Fee, per Office                           |  |           |                    | \$761.34      |       |              | C   |
| 8.13.2.2                                       | Power Restoration, applies to Primary & Secondary Feed      |  |           |                    | ICB           |       |              | 3   |
| 8.13.2.3                                       | Location Change from Power Board to BDFB                    |  |           |                    | ICB           |       |              | 3   |

NOTES:  
 Unless otherwise indicated, all rates are pursuant to North Dakota Public Service Commission dockets:  
 C: Cost Docket Case No. PU-2342-01-296  
 [3] ICB, Individual Case Basis pricing.