

**Docket No:** 01-0177  
**Bench Date:** 4/11/01  
**Deadline:** 5/17/01

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** The Commission

**FROM:** Deborah King, Hearing Examiner

**DATE:** March 27, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Ameritech Illinois) and QST Communications, Inc.

Approval of the Merger Amendment to Interconnection Agreement dated December 26, 2000, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 252(a)(1) and 252(e).

**RECOMMENDATION:** Enter Order approving the Amendment.

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This matter concerns Commission approval of an amendment to the Negotiated Interconnection Agreement between Ameritech Illinois and QST Communications, Inc. dated December 26, 2000. No petitions for leave to intervene were filed and there were no contested issues in this docket. Petitioners' Amendment does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the Agreement nor would implementation of the Amendment be contrary to the public interest, convenience and necessity. Accordingly, I recommend that the Amendment be approved.

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