

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MAY 7, 2015

RE: TDS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AS AGENT
FOR POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC'S
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF WIRELESS TRAFFIC
EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS;
CASE NO. POT-T-09-01.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION

On April 6, 2015, TDS Telecommunications Corporation (TDS) as agent for Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc. submitted an Application seeking Commission approval of a Negotiated Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with Verizon Wireless. This agreement establishes terms and conditions for interconnection and reciprocal compensation rates and billing procedures, thus replacing the agreement approved by the Commission on September 3, 2009. *See* Order No. 30895.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the agreement is consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Staff, therefore, recommends Commission approval of the Application for the new Negotiated Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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