

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** MAY 7, 2015

**RE:** FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC. FKA  
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.'S APPLICATION TO AMEND  
THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH XO  
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, LLC; CASE NO. VZN-T-04-03.

### 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 30, 2014, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. fka Verizon Northwest Inc. submitted an Application seeking Commission approval to amend (Amendment No. 4) an interconnection agreement with XO communications Service, LLC approved by the Commission on April 2, 2004. *See* Order No. 29460. This agreement is amended to incorporate terms and conditions.

## 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. Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Application to amend the interconnection agreement.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  
Grace Seaman

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