

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2015

RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN QUEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC AND CENTURYLINK COMMUNITIONS, LLC; CASE NO. QWE-T-04-23.

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 October 8, 2015, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted an Application seeking Commission approval to amend an interconnection agreement with CenturyLink Communications, LLC approved by the Commission on October 6, 2004. *See* Order No. 29606. This amendment adds terms and conditions for DC Power Reduction and Restoration.

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. Accordingly, 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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