

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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COMMISSION SECRETARY
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JANUARY 19, 2007

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS;
CASE NOS. VZN-T-06-03; ATT-T-98-01/GTE-T-98-08.

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 APPLICATIONS

The Commission has been asked to approve two amendments to interconnection agreements.

1. Verizon Northwest Inc. and CommPartners, LLC (Case VZN-T-06-03). In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to an existing agreement approved by the Commission on March 9, 2006. With this filing, the agreement is amended to include the Unitary Rate amendment and the DSO Loop/Resale Discount amendment.
2. Verizon Northwest Inc. and SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a SBC Long Distance d/b/a AT&T Long Distance (ATT-T-98-01/GTE-T-98-08). In this case, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to an existing agreement approved by the Commission on


February 11, 1999. The agreement is amended to include the Unitary Rate amendment and the DSO Loop/Resale Discount amendment.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Application 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 for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?



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