

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

RE: CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC. AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE INC.'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS; CASE NOS. CEN-T-11-01 & CES-T-11-01.

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 February 4, 2011, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink (collectively CenturyLink) submitted an Application for an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement with Verizon Wireless (Verizon). In this Application, the parties seek Commission approval of an agreement that includes terms and conditions and rates that are based on the traffic volume exchanged between CenturyLink and Verizon within the State of Idaho.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes 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 Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?



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