

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** JULY 19, 2013

**RE:** CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE  
DBA CENTURLINK'S APPLICATION TO AMEND THE  
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS;  
CASE NOS. CEN-T-11-01 AND CGS-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 July 12, 2013, CenturyTel of Idaho and CenturyTel of Gem State dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") submitted an Application to amend an Interconnection Agreement with Verizon Wireless approved by the Commission on March 4, 2011. *See* Order No. 32198. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions and rates for intercarrier compensation as set forth in the Federal Communications Commission's Docket No. 01-92, *In the Matter of Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, released on November 18, 2011 and its Order on Reconsideration, released on December 23, 2011.

**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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  
Grace Seaman  
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