

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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

**DATE:** AUGUST 8, 2014

**RE:** APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION  
AGREEMENT BY CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA  
CENTURYLINK AND CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC DBA  
CENTURYLINK WITH NEW HORIZON COMMUNICATIONS CORP;  
CASE NOS. CEN-T-14-03 AND CGS-T-14-03.

### 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 August 4, 2014, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink submitted an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with New Horizon Communications Corp. This Agreement establishes terms and conditions for interconnection, transport and termination of traffic, access to unbundled network elements, collocation, resale, and pricing.

## 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 for the Interconnection Agreement.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?

  
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Grace Seaman

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