

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2016

RE: CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC. AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.'S AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC AND ITS COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICE AFFILIATES; CASE NOS. CEN-T-16-01 AND CGS-T-16-01.

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).

THE APPLICATION

On October 18, 2016, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink filed Applications seeking Commission approval to amend the interconnection agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service Affiliates. The interconnection agreements were approved by the Commission on August 10, 2016 under Order No. 33568.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and believe the agreements are 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 Applications to amend the interconnection agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?



Grace Seaman

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