

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KEMPTON
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2010

RE: CENTURYLINK'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AND EXCHANGE OF TRAFFIC AGREEMENTS;
CASE NOS. CEN-T-10-04/CGS-T-10-03.

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 September 14, 2010, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink (collectively "CenturyLink") submitted Applications for an Interconnection and Exchange of Traffic Agreement with Eltopia Communications, LLC ("Eltopia"). In these Applications, the parties request that the Commission approve the agreements that include terms and conditions and pricing for interconnection, transport and termination of traffic between the companies.

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 the Applications 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 for the Interconnection and Exchange of Traffic Agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?


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