DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: **COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER**
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FROM: **GRACE SEAMAN**

DATE: **AUGUST 8, 2012**

RE: **CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC. AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA CENTURYLINK'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATION, LLC;**
CASE NOS. CEN-T-12-04 AND CGS-T-12-04.

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 20, 2012, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") submitted an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Granite Telecommunications, LLC ("Granite"). In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an agreement that includes terms and conditions, ancillary services, and pricing for resale of services 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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

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