

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MAY 1, 2013

RE: CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. AND CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC. DBA CENTURY LINK'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH CENTURYLINK QCC; CASE NOS. CGS-T-13-01 AND CEN-T-13-01.

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 April 18, 2013, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. and CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink submitted an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Qwest Communications Company, LLC dba CenturyLink QCC. With this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for interconnection of traffic, compensation, and ancillary services.

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 the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?



Grace Seaman

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