

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2007

RE: INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITIZENS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IDAHO AND VERIZON
WIRELESS; CASE NO. CTC-T-07-05.

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 CURRENT APPLICATION

On November 2, 2007, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho (CTC-Idaho) submitted an Application for an interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless. In this Application, the parties request Commission approval of an agreement that includes terms and conditions for interconnection and traffic interchange for cellular and other two-way mobile radio 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 that 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.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application for Interconnection and Traffic Interchange Agreement for Cellular and Other Two-way Mobile Radio Services?



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