

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: APRIL 30, 2013

RE: CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC'S AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH NEW CELLULAR
WIRELESS PCS, LLC; GEM-T-98-1.

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 dba CenturyLink submitted an Application for approval to amend an Interconnection Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Service affiliate, dba AT&T Mobility, as successor in interest to AT&T Wireless Service, Inc. The Commission approved the initial agreement on August 36, 1998 in Order No. 27698. With this Application, the parties seek approval to incorporate terms and conditions associated with intercarrier compensation Bill and Keep.

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 to amend the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?



Grace Seaman

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