

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2012

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.
FKA VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. FKA GTE NORTHWEST INC. AND
T-MOBILE WEST CORPORATION FKA VOICESTREAM WIRELESS;
CASE NO. GTE-T-00-02.

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 10, 2012, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. fka Verizon Northwest Inc. fka GTE Northwest Inc. submitted an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with T-Mobile West Corporation fka VoiceStream Wireless, which was initially approved by the Commission in Order No. 28940 on January 5, 2000. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the amended terms and conditions and the reciprocal compensation rates in compliance with the *USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161 (rel. December 23, 2011)*.

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?



Grace Seaman

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