

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 20, 2005

RE: APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AND
WIRELESS TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TDS
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORP. AND CINGULAR WIRELESS LLC;
CASE NO. POT-T-05-01.

BACKGROUND

Under the provision 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 26, 2005, TDS Telecommunications Corporation ("TDS Telecom") as an agent for Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc filed an Application for Approval of Interconnection and Wireless Traffic Exchange Agreement with Cingular Wireless LLC, on behalf of New Cingular Wirelss PCS, LLC ("Cingular"). This Agreement sets forth the terms, conditions and pricing under which the parties agree to provide interconnection for use by Cingular only in association with Commercial Mobile Radio Services (CMRS) and the compensation for the exchange of traffic between the parties.

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 Agreement is consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes the Agreement merits the Commission's approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Interconnection Agreement?



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