

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: AUGUST 1, 2012

RE: POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC.'S APPLICATION TO
AMEND THE WIRELESS TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH
CRICKET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; CASE NO. POT-T-07-01.

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 July 26, 2012, Potlatch Telephone Company, Inc. ("Potlatch") submitted an Application for approval to amend the Wireless Traffic Exchange agreement with Cricket Communications, Inc., approved by the Commission on October 5, 2007. *See* Order No. 30450. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve changes to the definitions, billing, and the reciprocal compensation rates for transport and termination to the Bill and Keep methodology.¹

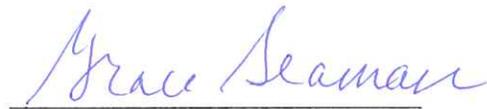
¹ *See USF/ICC Transformation Order*. 47 C.F.R. § 20.11 and § 51-700 through § 51.715 amended to provide that intercarrier compensation for non-access traffic exchange between LECs and CMRS providers will be subject to the default bill-and-keep methodology for traffic exchanged on and after July 1, 2012.

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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