

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2008

RE: QWEST'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. QWE-T-00-7.

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 October 30, 2008, Qwest Corporation submitted an Application to amend an interconnection agreement with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. which was approved by the Commission on November 9, 2000. In this Application, the parties seek Commission approval to amend the agreement to incorporate certain terms of the Triennial Review Order (TRO) and the Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO).

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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