

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** JUNE 10, 2011

**RE:** QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS WITH INTEGRA TELECOM OF IDAHO, INC., DIECA COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.; CASE NOS. USW-T-00-05, QWE-T-05-19, AND QWE-T-00-13.

### 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 APPLICATIONS

On April 20, 2011, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed three Applications seeking Commission approval to amend interconnection agreements. The Applications are discussed in greater detail below.

1. Qwest and Integra Telecom of Idaho, Inc., Case No. USW-T-00-5. In this case, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on April 26, 2000. This filing adds terms and conditions relating to xDSL capable loops.

2. Qwest and Dieca Communications, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-05-19. In this Application, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on October 12, 2005. This filing adds terms and conditions, and rates for resale.

3. Qwest and Eschelon Telecom, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-00-13. In this case, the parties request Commission approval to amend an agreement approved by the Commission on June 10, 2002. This filing adds terms and conditions relating to xDSL capable loops.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Applications are 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 Applications to amend the interconnection agreements.

### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?

  
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Grace Seaman

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