

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2004

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-01-12; QWE-T-01-19;
QWE-T-03-11; AND QWE-T-04-2.

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).

THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

1. Qwest and Z-Tel Communications Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-01-12). This Application is for an amendment to an existing interconnection agreement adding terms for line splitting in accordance with the FCC's Triennial Review Order.
2. Qwest and NOS Communications, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-01-19). This Application is for an amendment to update the rates in Appendix A to include recent changes in Qwest's SGAT rates.
3. Qwest and Lightyear Communications, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-03-11). This Application is for an amendment to update the rates in Appendix A to include recent changes in Qwest's SGAT rates.

4. Qwest and All Idaho LLC. (Case No. QWE-T-04-02). This Application is for a new SGAT agreement.

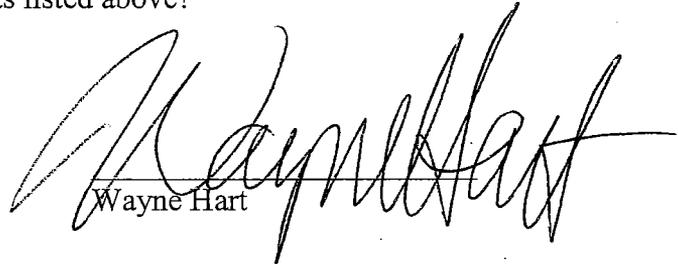
STAFF ANALYSIS

The Staff has reviewed these Applications and did not find any terms and conditions that it considers to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest.

Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments to previously approved interconnection agreements merit the Commission's approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for Approval of the Interconnection Agreements and Amendments listed above?


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