

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 28, 2005

**RE: STAFF REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT; CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-22 AND MID-T-05-01**

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.

THE CURRENT APPLICATION

The commission has been asked to approve one interconnection agreement and one amendment to an existing interconnection agreement. The items are discussed in greater detail below:

1. Qwest Corp. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC (Case No. QWE-T-02-22). In this case, the parties requests approval to amend the existing interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on November 21, 2002. With this filing, terms, conditions, and rates are added for Expedites for Design Services.
2. Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. and Sprint Spectrum L. P. (Case No. MID-T-05-01). In this case, the parties request the Commission to approve an interconnection agreement. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions for Traffic Exchange.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the amendments.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Application for interconnection and the amendment to existing interconnection agreements?



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