

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF QWEST CORPORATION AND ACN)	CASE NO. QWE-T-03-26
COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC. FOR)	
APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN)	
EXISTING INTERCONNECTION)	
AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §)	
252(e))	
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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF QWEST CORPORATION AND SPRINT)	CASE NO. QWE-T-04-1
COMMUNICATIONS FOR APPROVAL OF)	
AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING)	
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252(e))	ORDER NO. 30100
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In these cases, the Commission is asked to approve amendments to existing and previously approved Interconnection Agreements. With this Order the Commission approves the amendments to the Agreements.

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). As the Commission noted in Order No. 28427, companies voluntarily entering into interconnection agreements “may negotiate terms, prices and conditions that do not comply with either the FCC rules or with the provision of Section 251(b) or (c).” Order No. 28427 at 11 (emphasis in original). This comports with the FCC’s statement that “a state commission shall have authority to approve an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation even if the terms of the agreement do not comply with the requirements of [Part 51].” 47 C.F.R. § 51.3.

THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

1. Qwest Corporation and ACN Communications Services, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-03-26). The Application for approval of amendment to the interconnection agreement between

Qwest and ACN states that the parties are jointly filing and that this Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation. This is an amendment to incorporate the Triennial Review Order (“TRO”) and the Triennial Review Remand Order (“TRRO”) into the interconnection agreement as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this filing.

2. Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Case. No. QWE-T-04-1). The Application for approval of amendment to the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Sprint states that the parties are jointly filing and that this amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation. This is an amendment to incorporate the Triennial Review Order (“TRO”) and the Triennial Review Remand Order (“TRRO”) into the interconnection agreement as set forth in Attachment 1 and Exhibit A, attached and incorporated into this filing.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the Applications and did not find any terms or conditions that it considers to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Applications are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff recommended Commission approval of the amendments to the Agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Under the terms of the Telecommunications Act, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission’s review is limited. The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiation only if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. *Id.* Based upon our review of the Applications and the Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds that the Agreements are consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and do not discriminate. Therefore, the Commission finds that the Applications should be approved. However, approval of these Agreements does not negate the responsibility of either of the parties to these Agreements to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity if they are offering local exchange services or to comply with *Idaho Code* §§ 62-604

and 62-606 if they are providing other non-basic local telecommunications services as defined by *Idaho Code* § 62-603.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the amended Interconnection Agreement of Qwest Corporation and ACN Communication Services, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-03-26, is approved.

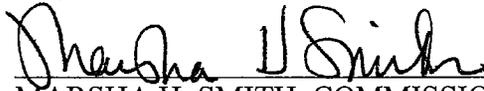
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amended Interconnection Agreement of Qwest Corporation and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Case No. USW-T-04-1, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 11th day of July 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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Commission Secretary

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