

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

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RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-1; QWE-T-02-2; QWE-T-04-1;
QWE-T-04-04; QWE-T-04-05; VZN-T-04-3.

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 Vartec Telecom, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-02-1). This is an amendment to a previously approved agreement addressing terms for DSL service provided with the UNE-P platform.
2. Qwest and XO Idaho, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-02-2). This is an amendment to a previously approved agreement addressing reciprocal compensation terms.
3. Qwest and Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Case No. QWE-T-04-1). This Application is for an amendment to an existing interconnection agreement providing promotional rates for Collocation Available Inventory for a limited time period.

4. Qwest and BridgeBand Communications, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-04-04). This Application seeks approval of a new agreement (replacing a previous agreement). The new agreement is based upon the Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT).

5. Qwest and aardisServices (Case No. QWE-T-04-05). This Application seeks approval of a new agreement. The new agreement is based upon the Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT).

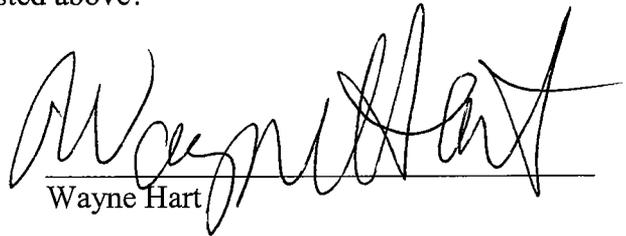
6. Verizon Northwest, Inc and XO Idaho, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-04-3). This Application seeks approval of a new interconnection agreement.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The Staff has reviewed all of 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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