

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER REDFORD
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MARCH 28, 2008

RE: QWEST'S AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
WITH 1-800-RECONEX INC. DBA USTEL; CASE NO. QWE-T-04-12.

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 APPLICATION

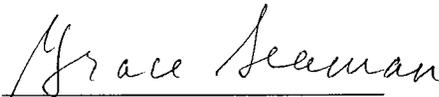
On February 21, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an Application to amend an existing agreement with 1-800-Reconex Inc. dba USTel approved by the Commission on June 22, 2004. In this filing, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to USTel's existing agreement that adopts elements of Qwest's Local Services Platform Agreement (QLSP). This agreement includes certain combinations of network elements, ancillary functions, and additional features, including the local loop, port, switching, and shared transport. Included in the filing are Attachment 1-Definitions, Attachment 2-QLSP Service Description, Attachment 3-Performance Targets for Qwest QLSP Service, and the QLSP Rate Pages.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Application is 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 Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


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