DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: **GRACE SEAMAN**

DATE: **NOVEMBER 24, 2010**

RE: **QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. QWE-T-04-26.**

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 October 22, 2010, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an Application to amend an agreement with NorthStar Telecom, Inc. that was approved by the Commission on December 29, 2004. *See* Commission Order No. 29668. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to add the Qwest Local Services Platform Agreement (QLSP) to the interconnection agreement.

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 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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