# BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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) CASE NO. QWE-T-11-06
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) CASE NO. QWE-T-04-30
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ORDER NO. 32404
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In this case the Commission is asked to approve Amendments to the Interconnection Agreements between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Broadvox-CLEC, LLC and CenturyLink and BullsEye Telecom, Inc. With this Order, the Commission approves the Amendments to the parties' Interconnection Agreements.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements, including amendments thereto, 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 <u>not</u> 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 APPLICATIONS

- 1. <u>CenturyLink and Broadvox, Case No. QWE-T-11-06</u>. On October 4, 2011, CenturyLink filed an Application to amend its Interconnection Agreement with Broadvox, originally approved by the Commission on June 28, 2011. *See* Order No. 32276. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to include terms and conditions for Single Point of Presence in the LATA.
- 2. <u>CenturyLink and BullsEye, Case No. QWE-T-04-30</u>. On October 4, 2011, CenturyLink filed an Application to amend its Interconnection Agreement with BullsEye, originally approved by the Commission on November 23, 2004. *See* Order No. 29640. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to modify terms and conditions and the rate sheet of the Qwest Local Services Platform (QLSP) Agreement.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the Applications and does not find any terms or conditions that it considers to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Amendments to the parties' Interconnection Agreements are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreements.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Under the terms of the Telecommunications Act, interconnection agreements, including amendments thereto, must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission's review is limited, however. The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiation <u>only</u> 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 parties' Interconnection Agreements are consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and do not discriminate. Therefore, the Commission finds that the Agreements should be approved. Approval of an interconnection agreement does not negate the responsibility of either party to an agreement 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 Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and Broadvox-CLEC, LLC, Case No. QWE-T-11-06, is approved.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink and BullsEye Telecom, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-04-30, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of 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 and 62-619.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011.

PAUL KJELLÄNDER, PRESIDENT

MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

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Commission Secretary

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