

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2005

**RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-05-15; QWE-T-05-19 (AGREEMENT
AND AMENDMENT) AND VZN-T-01-11.**

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 & CommPartners, LLC. (Case No. QWE-T-05-15). This is an Application for a new agreement based upon Qwest's 14 State Template and Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT) for Idaho. It contains terms that are similar to other agreements previously approved by the Commission.
2. Qwest and Dieca Communications Inc. dba Covad Communications Company (Covad). (Case No. QWE-T-05-19). There are two Applications under this case number. The first seeks approval of a new agreement, and the second is for an amendment to add terms to that agreement for line splitting. The agreement contains terms primarily taken from the SGAT that have been previously approved by this Commission. The amendment contains terms derived from a Qwest proposal in Case No QWE-T-01-11. (Qwest UNE Cost Docket) Although the Commission has not

concluded that case, the Commission has approved these terms in other interconnection agreements.

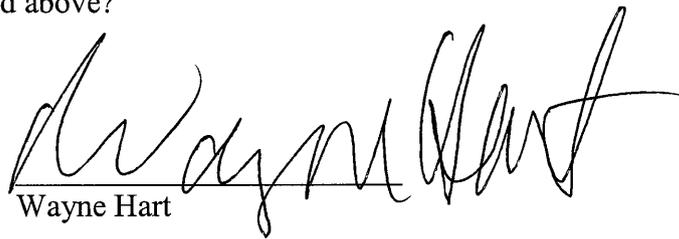
3. Verizon & AT&T (Case No. VZN-T-01-11). This is an Application to adopt an nationwide amendment introducing new pricing by density zones for analog and digital loops. The Idaho-specific rates have only one zone, and the terms are the same as in other recently approved Verizon interconnection agreements. They represent a small increase over the original Verizon – AT&T terms.

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 these 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 these 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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