

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER REDFORD
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JUNE 20, 2008

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS;
CASE NOS. QWE-T-08-05 AND QWE-T-08-06.

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 APPLICATIONS

The Commission has been asked to approve two interconnection agreements. The items are discussed in greater detail below.

1. Qwest Corporation; Case No. QWE-T-08-05. On June 12, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement with XO Communications Services, Inc. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an agreement that includes terms and conditions for interconnection, pricing, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services.

2. Qwest Corporation; Case No. QWE-T-08-06. On June 18, 2008, Qwest Corporation submitted an Application for Approval of the Interconnection Agreement with Eltopia Communications, LLC. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an

agreement that includes terms and conditions for interconnection, pricing, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services.

STAFF ANALYSIS

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

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for Approval of the Interconnection Agreements?



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