

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KEMPTON
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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COMMISSION SECRETARY
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2010

RE: QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. QWE-T-10-08.

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

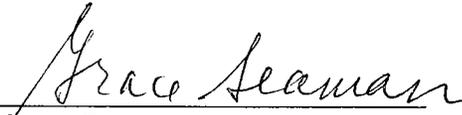
On October 22, 2010, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement and Amendment with Group Six Communications, LLC (Group Six). In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an agreement that includes terms and conditions, pricing, ancillary services and resale of telecommunications services within the geographical areas in which both parties are providing local exchange service, and for which Qwest is the incumbent local exchange carrier within the State of Idaho. Along with the Interconnection Agreement, an Amendment, the Qwest Local Service Platform (QLSP), was included in the Application.

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 the Interconnection Agreement and the QLSP Amendment between Qwest and Group Six.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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