

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JULY 17, 2012

RE: QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH
FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE COMPANY; CASE NO. QWE-T-12-
05.

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 June 25, 2012, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) submitted an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Farmers Mutual Telephone Company. With this Application, the parties request Commission approval to adopt, in its entirety, the terms of the Wireline Interconnection Agreement (along with any associated amendments) between Project Mutual Telephone Cooperative Association, Inc. and CenturyLink approved by the Commission on November 23, 2005. *See* Order No. 29920.

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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