

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** MAY 16, 2013

**RE:** QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH NEW HORIZONS COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION; CASE NO. QWE-T-13-01.

### 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 May 2, 2013, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted an Application for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with New Horizons Communications Corporation. With this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for interconnection, unbundled network elements, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services within the State of Idaho.

### 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.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  

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Grace Seaman

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