

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** DANIEL KLEIN

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 2, 2018

**RE:** QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC'S APPLICATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH  
MATRIX TELECOM, INC. D/B/A VARTEC TELECOM (FKA COMTEL)  
FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO; CASE NO. QWE-T-18-01.

### 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).

### THE APPLICATION

On January 24, 2018, Qwest Corporation submitted an Application seeking Commission approval for an interconnection agreement with Matrix Telecom, Inc. This agreement establishes terms and conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services.


### STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the agreement 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 an interconnection agreement.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  
Daniel Klein

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