

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART
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DATE: JULY 3, 2003

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. USW-T-00-21 (3 AMENDMENTS);
USW-T-98-21; USW-T-98-8; QWE-T-02-22; USW-T-97-10; QWE-T-03-6;
QWE-T-03-13; SPR-T-01-1; QWE-T-03-11; USW-T-99-31; QWE-T-00-7,
USW-T-00-5.

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 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

1. Qwest and Electric Lightwave, Inc. (ELI) (Case No. USW-T-00-21) There are three separate amendments for which these companies are seeking approval. The first, identified as Collocation Available Inventory, adds terms allowing ELI to purchase collocation equipment and space returned to Qwest by other CLECs who no longer need the facilities, the second adds terms for a Single Point of Presence, and the third, adds terms for the purchase of unbundled network element (UNE) combinations.

2. Qwest and Net-tel Communications Corporation (Case No. USW-T-98-21) This is an application to terminate a resale agreement.

3. Qwest and Knight Communications, Inc. (Case No. USW-T-98-8) This is an application to terminate a resale agreement.
4. Qwest and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (Case No. QWE-T-02-22) This application involves an amendment to an existing wireline interconnection agreement adding terms for compensation for terminating traffic bound for Internet Service Provider locations.
5. Qwest and AT&T Wireless, Inc. (Case No. USW-T-97-10) This is an application to approve a collocation amendment to an existing wireless interconnection agreement.
6. Qwest and Joseph B. McNeal dba Page Data (Case No. QWE-T-03-06) This is an amendment adding single point of presence to a previously approved paging interconnection agreement.
7. Qwest and Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC dba Cingular Wireless (Case No. QWE-T-03-13) This is an application for the approval of the adoption by Pacific Bell Wireless Northwest, LLC dba Cingular Wireless of the interconnection agreement between Qwest and Sprint Spectrum L.P. previously approved by the Commission. The application also seeks approval for an amendment of that agreement modifying the terms for End Office and Tandem Switched Transport.
8. Qwest and Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Case No. SPR-T-01-1) This application is for an amendment to an existing interconnection agreement providing terms for Collocation Available Inventory.
9. Qwest and Lightyear Communications, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-03-11) This application is for a new interconnection agreement. Lightyear adopts, in its entirety, the agreement between Qwest and Z-Tel, previously approved by this Commission.
10. Qwest and TW Wireless LLC (Case No. USW-T-99-31) This is an amendment to an existing Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement containing terms for compensation for terminating traffic bound for Internet Service Provider locations.
11. Qwest and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-00-7) This is an application for approval of an amendment that indefinitely extends the bill and keep terms for reciprocal compensation that were previously approved by this Commission. The previous bill and keep terms had expired.

12. Qwest and Integra Telecom of Idaho, Inc. (Case No. UST-T-00-5) This is an amendment to an existing agreement providing terms for CLEC to CLEC cross connections.

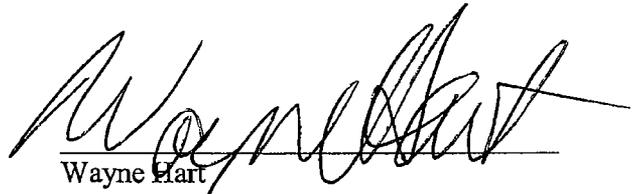
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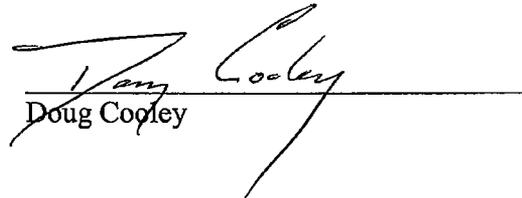
Staff has reviewed these Applications and did not find any terms and conditions that it considers to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest.

Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes that the Agreements and Amendments to previously approved interconnection agreements merit the Commission's approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for Approval of the Interconnection Agreements and Amendments listed above?


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