DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: **COMMISSIONER REDFORD**
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FROM: **GRACE SEAMAN**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 29, 2008**

RE: **QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. USW-T-99-17.**

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 February 26, 2008, Qwest Corporation (Qwest), formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc., submitted an Application for an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with Rural Network Services, Inc. approved by the Commission on September 16, 1999. In this filing, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment that incorporates Triennial Review Order (TRO) and the Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO) into the interconnection agreement.

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 that 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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