

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: APRIL 12, 2013

RE: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.'S AMENDMENT
TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH CRICKET
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.; CASE NO. VZN-T-01-05.

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 April 4, 2013, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. fka Verizon Northwest Inc. submitted an Application for approval of amendment to the Wireless Interconnection Agreement with Cricket Communications, Inc. approved by the Commission on June 1, 2001. *See* Commission Order No. 28742. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for IntraMTA traffic reciprocal compensation rates as provided in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011) and in FCC 11-189 *Order on Reconsideration* (rel. December 23, 2011).

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 Wireless Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?



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