

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

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RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-04-1; QWE-T-04-19; QWE-T-05-02;
VZN-T-01-11 and VZN-T-04-03.

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 Sprint Communications Company L. P. (Case No. QWE-T-04-1) This is an amendment to an existing agreement that provides terms and conditions for phasing out line sharing in accordance with the TRO.
2. Qwest and Lightyear Network Solutions LLC (Case No. QWE-T-04-19) This is an amendment to an existing interconnection agreement providing terms for the elimination of UNE-P and the implementation of batch hot cut processes and discounts in accordance with the TRO.

3. Qwest and New Rochelle Telephone Corp, fka Peconic Telco, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-05-02). This application seeks approval to adopt a previously approved interconnection agreement and two amendments to that adopted agreement. New Rochelle seeks to adopt the existing and previously approved agreement between Qwest and Covista. The amendments provide terms for elimination of UNE-P and the implementation of batch hot cut processes and discounts in accordance with the TRO, and the TRO/USTA II amendment, which addresses other changes that were included in the TRO.

4. Verizon Northwest and AT&T (Case No. VZN-T-01-11) This is an amendment to an existing agreement dealing with terms for exchanging traffic.

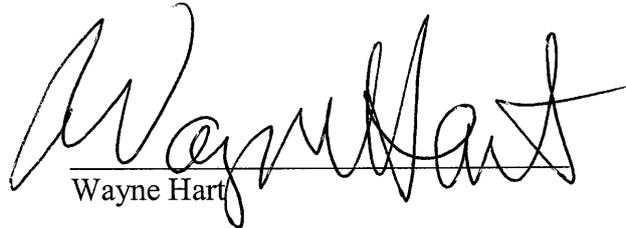
5. Verizon Northwest and XO Idaho, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-04-3) This is an amendment to an existing agreement dealing with terms for exchanging traffic.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed all of 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 these Amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Telecommunications Act, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes that these 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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