

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

DATE: MAY 25, 2007

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-06-24, USW-T-00-10, CGS-T-07-1,
VZN-T-02-6 AND QWE-T-04-9.

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 MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC (Case No. QWE-T-06-24).
This Application seeks approval of the "TRO-TRRO" amendment to the previously approved agreement of the parties. This amendment implements the decisions of the Triennial Review Order and Triennial Review Remand Order of the Federal Communications Commission. The Idaho Commission has previously approved this amendment to other Qwest agreements.

2. Qwest and ionex Communications North, Inc. (Case No. USW-T-00-10).
This Application seeks approval of the "TRO-TRRO" amendment to the agreement between U S WEST (now Qwest) and ionex Communications North, Inc. (fka Advanced Communications Group and Firstel Inc).

3. CenturyTel of the Gem State and Level 3 Communications (Case No CGS-T-07-1).

This Application seeks approval of an agreement between CenturyTel of the Gem State and Level 3 Communications that would provide for interconnection and traffic exchange between the parties. CenturyTel indicates in its Application that the agreement was reached voluntarily and that it has made the same terms and conditions available to other carriers.

4. Verizon and OneEighty Networks, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-02-6).

This Application seeks approval of two amendments to the previously approved agreement. Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 both implement elements of the decisions of the FCC's TRO – TRRO orders. Amendment No. 1 changes the availability of certain Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) and Amendment No. 2 deals with the provision of facilities in situations in which Verizon has overbuilt an existing copper network with fiber facilities.

5. Qwest and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States (Case No QWE-T-04-9).

This Application seeks approval of an amendment to an existing agreement. The amendment corrects errors to the rates in the Power Reduction section that were inadvertently included in the original agreement.

STAFF ANALYSIS

The Staff has reviewed the 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 agreements are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff believes that these agreements merit the Commission's approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for approval of the interconnection agreements?


Wayne Hart