

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MAY 19, 2005

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS; CASE NOS. VZN-T-03-7
AND QWE-T-04-26.

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 Corp. and NorthStar Telecom Inc. Amends the existing agreement approved by the Commission on December 29, 2004. This amendment eliminates UNE-P and implements Batch Hot Cut Process Version 2-1.
2. Verizon Northwest Inc. and MCI metro Access Transmission Services. Amends the existing agreement approved by the Commission on October 20, 2003. This amendment increases the charges applicable to DSO UNE-P lines.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are 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. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the amendments.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these amendments?


Grace Seaman

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