

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JANUARY 23, 2009

RE: VERIZON'S APPLICATION TO AMEND AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT; CASE NO. VZN-T-04-3.

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 January 16, 2009, Verizon Northwest, Inc. submitted an Application to amend an existing agreement with XO Communications Services, Inc. originally approved by the Commission on March 31, 2004. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to incorporate the exchange of VoIP Traffic.

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.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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