

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: WAYNE HART

DATE: NOVEMBER 12, 2004

RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS
AND AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-2; QWE-T-04-27;
QWE-T-04-30; VZN-T-04-10.

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 XO Idaho, Inc (Case No. QWE-T-02-2). This is an amendment to an existing agreement adding terms for a Special Request Process.
2. Qwest and RWF Communications, LLC dba Tele-waves (Case No. QWE-T-04-27). This is an Application for an agreement for Tele-waves to adopt the existing interconnection agreement between Qwest and Arch Wireless Holdings Inc, which was approved by the Commission in Order No. 28499.
3. Qwest Corporation and Bullseye Telecom, Inc (Case No. QWE-T-04-30). This Application seeks approval of a new interconnection agreement. The Agreement is based upon Qwest's Statement of Generally Available Terms (SGAT).

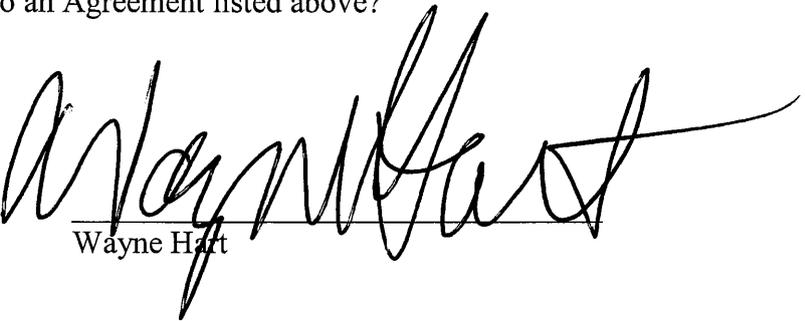
4. Verizon Northwest Inc. and Southwestern Bell Communications, Inc.
(VZN-T-04-10). This Application seeks approval of a new interconnection agreement in which Southwestern Bell adopts the terms of the agreement between Granite and Verizon previously approved by this Commission.

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 Agreements and Amendments 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 and the Amendment to the previously approved agreement merit the Commission's approval.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve the Applications for Approval of the Interconnection Agreements and Amendment to an Agreement listed above?



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