

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** APRIL 18, 2013

**RE:** FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.'S AMENDMENT  
NO. 1 TO AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON  
WIRELESS; CASE NO. VZN-T-05-02.

### 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 April 4, 2013, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., fka Verizon Northwest Inc., fka GTE Northwest Incorporated submitted an Application to amend the Interconnection Agreement with Rural Cellular Corporation dba Verizon Wireless that was approved by the Commission on June 16, 2005. *See* Commission Order No. 29805. With this Application, the parties seek approval to incorporate new terms and conditions and add intraMTA traffic reciprocal compensation rates as provided in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011) and in FCC 11-189 *Order on Reconsideration* (rel. December 23, 2011).

**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 for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?

  
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