

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** WAYNE HART

**DATE:** JULY 11, 2005

**RE:** STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS AND  
AMENDMENTS: CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-2; USW-T-00-10;  
VZN-T-05-3; VZN-T-03-6 (2 AMENDMENTS) AND VZN-T-03-7.

### 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 Communications Services, Inc. fka XO Idaho, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-02-2).  
This is an Application to adopt an amendment to an existing agreement. The amendment adds terms and conditions for co-location.
2. Qwest Corporation and ionex Communications North, Inc. fka Advanced Communications Group and Firstel, Inc. (Case No. USW-T-00-10). This is an Application to adopt an amendment to an existing agreement. The amendment provides terms for elimination of UNE-P and the implementation of batch hot cut processes and discounts in accordance with the TRO and TRRO.
3. Verizon and Trans National Communications International, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-05-3).  
This is an Application to adopt a new agreement. The agreement is similar to other agreements with Verizon previously approved by this Commission. The agreement includes the "TRO Amendment"

which implements changes in accordance with the FCC's Triennial Review Order (TRO) and Triennial Review Remand Order (TRRO).

4. Verizon and MCI WorldCom (Case No. VZN-T-03-6) and Verizon and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-03-7). There are two Applications for these cases. The first, submitted April 22, 2005, is a March 11 amendment between Verizon's local exchange carriers, including Verizon Northwest, Inc. and all of the MCI CLECs, including MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC and MCI WorldCom Communications, Inc. The amendment increases the rates MCI will pay Verizon for DS0 UNE-P lines. The second amendment, submitted July 1, 2005, which covers all Verizon Local exchange companies as well as all MCI CLEC companies, revised the dates for the DS0 increases in the March amendment.

#### **STAFF ANALYSIS**

The 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 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 Amendments to previously approved interconnection agreements merit the Commission's approval.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

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

  
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