

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER HANSEN  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** CAROLEE HALL

**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

**RE:** CACTUS INTERNATIONAL, INC. ("CII") ADOPTION OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORTHWEST TELEPHONE, INC. ("NORTHWEST TELEPHONE") AND VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC. ("VERIZON"). CASE NO. VZN-T-05-5.

### BACKGROUND

On August 24, 2005, Verizon Northwest, Inc. (Verizon) and CII filed an Agreement to adopt the current Verizon Northwest, Inc. and Northwest Telephone, Inc. Agreement.

### DISCUSSION

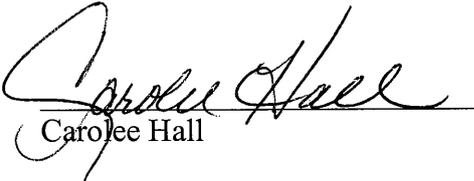
The various elements being adopted by CII are: Reciprocal Compensation Traffic Termination, End Office and Tandem Rates; Transit Traffic Service Charges; Entrance Facility and Transport for Interconnection Charges; and various other interconnection and wholesale rates.

### STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Agreement with exhibits between Verizon and CII and finds them compatible with federal and state guidelines. Moreover, Staff believes that this filing is consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. Accordingly, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Agreement.

**COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve the Agreement between Verizon and Cactus International, Inc. (CII)?

  
Carolee Hall

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