

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
COMMISSIONER SMITH
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 3, 2006

**RE: STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS
CASE NOS. VZN-T-06-01 AND VZN-T-06-02**

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).

THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

The Commission has been asked to approve two Applications for approval of interconnection agreement with Verizon Northwest Inc. The Applications are discussed in greater detail below.

1. Verizon Northwest Inc. and France Telecom Corporate Solutions, LLC (Case No. VZN-T-06-01). On February 2, 2006, Verizon filed this Application seeking Commission approval of an agreement that includes terms and conditions for interconnection, ancillary services, collocation, and resale of telecommunications services between the parties.

2. Verizon Northwest Inc. and Covista, Inc. (Case No. VZN-T-06-02). On February 2, 2006, Verizon submitted this Application for approval of interconnection agreement that

includes terms and conditions for interconnection, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services between the parties.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the Applications are 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 Verizon's Applications for approval of interconnection agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?



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