

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2012

RE: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.'S FKA
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. AMENDMENT TO AN
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN TW TELECOM
OF IDAHO LLC; CASE NO. VZN-T-06-05.

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 August 14, 2012, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. fka Verizon Northwest Inc. ("Frontier") submitted an Application for approval of an Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement with tw telecom of Idaho llc approved by the Commission on July 7, 2006. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for Reciprocal Compensation, VoIP Traffic, and IntraLATA Toll Traffic according to the provisions of the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* 11-161 (released November 18, 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?



Grace Seaman

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