

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: MARCH 15, 2007

RE: VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. VZN-T-06-8.

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 February 26, 2007, Verizon Northwest, Inc. submitted an Application for an amended interconnection agreement with 360networks (USA) Inc. In this Application, the parties seek Commission approval to enter into an amended agreement to the Statement of Generally Accepted Terms (SGAT) dated November 1, 2004. Along with terms and conditions, the agreement contains a unitary rate for inter-carrier compensation for certain types of traffic, interconnection architecture arrangements, DS0 loop rates and resale discount rates.

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 that 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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