

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2007

**RE: VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT; CASE NO. VZN-T-07-01.**

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 13, 2007, Verizon Northwest, Inc. submitted an Application for an interconnection agreement with Metropolitan Telecommunications of Idaho, Inc. dba MetTel. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an agreement that includes terms and conditions for interconnection, unbundled network elements, collocation, and resale of telecommunications services.

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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Grace Seaman

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