

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER KEMPTON  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** APRIL 4, 2008

**RE:** STAFF REVIEW OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS: CASE  
NOS. QWE-T-08-1; QWE-T-05-9; VZN-T-08-1 AND VZN-T-07-1.

### 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 APPLICATIONS

The Commission has been asked to approve the following Qwest Applications.

1. Qwest Corporation and Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC (Case No. QWE-T-08-1). On March 24, 2008, the parties submitted a filing for an Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement that includes terms and conditions for unbundled network elements, ancillary services, and resale of telecommunications services.

2. Qwest Corporation and Trans National Communications International, Inc. (Case No. QWE-T-05-9). On March 20, 2008, the parties filed an Application to amend an existing agreement approved by the Commission on May 5, 2005. This amendment replaces the current Agreement between the parties with the Qwest Local Service Platform Agreement (QLSP).

3. Verizon Northwest, Inc. and Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC (VZN-T-08-1). On March 26, 2008, the parties filed this request for approval of the Interconnection Agreement that includes terms and conditions for network elements, interconnection, additional services, traffic exchange, resale, collocation, 911, and pricing.

4. Verizon Northwest, Inc. and Metropolitan Telecommunications of Idaho, Inc. /db/a METTEL (Case No. VZN-T-07-1). On March 26, the parties filed an Application to amend an existing Agreement approved by the Commission on October 5, 2007, that amends the intercarrier compensation rates for transport and termination of traffic.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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 the Applications.

### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?

  
Grace Seaman

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