

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 18, 2011

**RE:** FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC'S APPLICATION  
FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH  
GROUP SIX COMMUNICATIONS, LLC: CASE NO. VZN-T-11-01.

### 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 16, 2011, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) submitted an Application for an interconnection agreement with Group Six Communications, LLC. In this Application, the parties seek Commission approval of an Agreement for Local Interconnection that includes general terms and conditions, reciprocal compensation for the exchange of traffic, network elements, collocation, ancillary services, pricing and telecommunications services available for resale within the geographical areas in which both parties are providing services in Idaho.

## 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?

  
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Grace Seaman

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