

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2015

RE: FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.'S
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH NEW CINGULAR PCS, LLC;
CASE NO. VZN-T-15-01.

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 November 12, 2015, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. submitted an Application seeking Commission approval for an interconnection agreement with New Cingular PCS, LLC. This agreement establishes terms and conditions, collocation, and pricing for Commercial Mobile Radio Service interconnection and replaces the existing agreements filed in Case Nos. GTE-T-99-03 and CTC-T-98-01.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and believes the agreement 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 an interconnection agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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