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NEWS RELEASE: Commission approves application seeking commercial mobile radio services agreement between telecom companies.

BOISE (Aug. 21, 2024) – The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has approved an application that will allow CenturyTel of the Gem State and Gold Star Communications, LLC to enter into a commercial mobile radio services agreement.

The agreement establishes the terms, conditions, and pricing pertaining to the interconnection of the networks of the signees. It creates a two-way traffic so that customers of each signee can place and receive calls that originate from or terminate to a commercial mobile radio carrier which originate on one part of the network and terminate on the other network.

The Federal Telecommunications Act allows incumbent local exchange carriers to voluntarily negotiate with a requesting telecommunications carrier for interconnection, services or network support. The act requires that interconnection agreements, including any amendments to them, must be submitted to the commission for approval. The commission's review is limited, and it may reject an agreement adopted by the parties only if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

In approving the agreement, the commission found those were not issues.

Additional information is available at: puc.idaho.gov/case/Details/7327.