BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CAMBRIDGE TELEPHONE COMPANY FOR) CASE NO. CAM-T-08-01
APPROVAL OF ITS INTERCONNECTION	Ó
AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON WIRELESS	Ó
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252(e))
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
QWEST CORPORATION AND TIME WARNER) CASE NO OWE T 04 20
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TELECOM OF IDAHO LLC FOR APPROVAL)
OF AN AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)
PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 252(e))
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
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QWEST CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF) CASE NO. QWE-T-08-03
AN AMENDMENT TO ITS)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH)
ACCESS POINT, INC. PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C.	ORDER NO. 30553
§ 252(e)	,)

In these consolidated cases, the Commission is asked to approve of a new Interconnection Agreement and amendments to previously approved Interconnection Agreements. With this Order, the Commission approves these Agreements.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements, including amendments thereto, 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). As the Commission noted in Order No. 28427, companies voluntarily entering into interconnection agreements "may negotiate terms, prices and conditions that do not comply with either the FCC rules or with the provision of Section 251(b) or (c)." Order No. 28427 at 11 (emphasis in original). This comports with the FCC's statement that "a state commission shall have authority to approve an interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation even if the terms of the agreement do not

comply with the requirements of [Part 51]." 47 C.F.R. § 51.3. Additionally, local exchange carriers are required to "make available any interconnection, service, or network element provided . . . to any other requesting telecommunications carrier upon the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement." 47 U.S.C. § 252(i).

THE CURRENT APPLICATIONS

- 1. <u>Cambridge Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless, Case No. CAM-T-08-01</u>. In this Application, the parties seek the Commission's approval of their "Traffic Exchange and Compensation Agreement," or Interconnection Agreement. Their Agreement includes various terms, conditions and rates pertaining to the parties' business relationship which allows Cambridge to interconnect with Verizon's Commercial Mobile Radio Services Network and Verizon to interconnect with Cambridge's Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Network.
- 2. Qwest Corporation and Time Warner Telecom of Idaho, LLC, Case No. QWE-T-04-20. In this Application, the parties seek the Commission's approval of an amendment to their Interconnection Agreement initially approved by the Commission on August 2, 2004. See Order No. 29559. The proposed amendment, filed on April 25, 2008, would either alter or add terms and conditions pertaining to the following: Transit Traffic, Directory Assistance, Toll and Assistance for Operator Services, Dispute Resolution, Entrance Facilities and Direct Trunked Transport. The Application states that the parties' Agreement was reached through voluntary negotiation and expires two years from the date of its execution.
- 3. Qwest Corporation and Access Point, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-08-03. In this Application, the parties seek the Commission's approval of an amendment to their Interconnection Agreement initially approved by the Commission on May 2, 2008. See Order No. 30544. The parties wish to incorporate elements from the Qwest Local Services Platform Agreement ("QLSP") including: Definitions, service descriptions, performance targets, Idaho rate page for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers ("CLEC") purchasing certain combinations of network elements, ancillary functions and miscellaneous features such as the local loop and shared transport.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Staff reviewed the parties' Applications and did not find any terms or conditions that it considered to be discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes that the agreements and amendments are consistent with the pro-competitive policies of this

Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the aforementioned Applications.

COMMISSION DECISION

Under the terms of the Telecommunications Act, Interconnection Agreements, including amendments thereto, must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission's review is limited, however. The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiation <u>only</u> if it finds that the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. *Id*.

Based upon our review of the Applications and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the Agreements are consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity and do not discriminate. Therefore, the Commission finds that the Agreements should be approved. Approval of these Agreements does not negate the responsibility of either of the parties to these Agreements to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity if they are offering local exchange services or to comply with *Idaho Code* §§ 62-604 and 62-606 if they are providing other non-basic local telecommunications services as defined by *Idaho Code* § 62-603.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Interconnection Agreement between Cambridge Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless, Case No. CAM-T-08-01, is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Time Warner Telecom of Idaho, LLC, Case No. QWE-T-04-20, is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation and Access Point, Inc., Case No. QWE-T-08-03, is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* §§ 61-626 and 62-619.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 22^{M} day of May 2008.

MACK A. REDFORD, PRESIDENT.

MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

JIM D. KEMPTON, COMMISSIONER

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Jean D. Jewell

Commission Secretary

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