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FROM: JOHAN E. KALALA-KASANDA

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DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2022

RE: IN THE MATTER OF CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.,

D/B/A CENTURYLINK AND CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC., D/B/A CENTURYLINK'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH DISH WIRELESS LLC.;

CASE NOS. CEN-T-22-02 / CGS-T-22-02.

On July 20, 2022, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Ind. Dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CTL ("individually and collectively, CenturyLink") applied seeking Commission approval for an Interconnection Agreement by and between CenturyLink and DISH Wireless L.L.C. ("Agreement"). This agreement establishes terms, conditions and pricing for the local interconnection and the exchange of local traffic for the State of Idaho.

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).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff 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?

Johan E. Kalala-Kasanda

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