

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: DANIEL KLEIN

DATE: APRIL 16, 2021

**RE: PROJECT MUTUAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION,
INC'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA,
LLC.; CASE NO. PRJ-T-21-01.**

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).

THE APPLICATION


On April 7, 2021, Project Mutual Cooperative Association, Inc. submitted an Application seeking Commission approval for an interconnection agreement with Teleport Communications America, LLC. This agreement establishes terms, conditions and pricing for the local interconnection and the exchange of local traffic for the State of Idaho.

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?



Daniel Klein

PRJ-T-21-01 Interconnection Agreement with Telpost Communications