

No. 29986. CenturyLink confirmed that the Amendment to the Agreement was formed through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the Application and believes the Amendment is consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of the Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the Federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of CenturyLink's Application for an Amendment made to its Interconnection Agreement with Zayo.

COMMISSION DECISION

Under the Federal Telecommunications Act, resale interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission's review is limited. The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiation only if the Commission finds that the agreement would discriminate against nonparty telecommunications carriers or that implementing it would be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. *Id.*

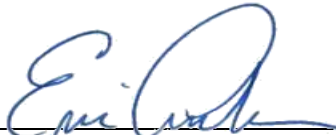
Based upon our review of the Application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds the Amendment does not discriminate against nonparty telecommunications carriers, and that implementing it would be consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Therefore, the Commission finds it reasonable to grant the Application and approve the Amendment. Our approval of the Amendment does not negate either party's responsibility to obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity if they offer local exchange services, or to comply with *Idaho Code* §§ 62-604 and 62-606 if they provide other non-basic local telecommunications services as defined by *Idaho Code* § 62-603.

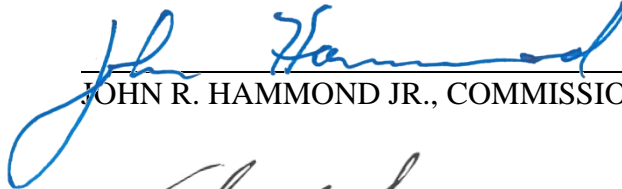
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application is granted, and the Amendment 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 regarding any matter decided therein. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *Idaho Code* § 61-626 and 62-619.


DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 5th day of August 2024.


ERIC ANDERSON, PRESIDENT


JOHN R. HAMMOND JR., COMMISSIONER


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