

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER RAPER  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** AUGUST 7, 2015

**RE:** APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRAFFIC EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BY CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, DBA CENTURYLINK AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA CENTURYLINK WITH LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, L.L.C.; CASE NOS. CEN-T-15-03 AND CGS-T-15-03.

### 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).

### CURRENT APPLICATION


On July 10, 2015, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyLink of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink (collectively “CenturyLink”) submitted an Application for approval of the Traffic Exchange Agreement between CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications L.L.C. This Agreement establishes terms and conditions for interconnection, transport and termination of traffic, ancillary services, and pricing.

## 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. Thus, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Application for the Interconnection Agreement.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?

  
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Grace Seaman

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