

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2016

RE: AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN QWEST CORPORATION, CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO,
INC, AND CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. WITH
LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS, LLC; CASE NOS. QWE-T-02-08,
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).

THE APPLICATION

On October 4, 2016, the Commission received Applications from Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. dba CenturyLink, and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink (“collectively CenturyLink”) seeking approval to amend the interconnection agreements with Level 3 Communications, LLC (“Level 3”). CenturyLink’s initial interconnection agreements with Level 3 were approved by the Commission on November 12, 2008 and August 21, 2015. *See* Order

Nos. 29033 and 33362. The amendments add terms and conditions for the exchange of interconnected VoIP-PSTN¹ traffic.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and believes the agreements are 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 Applications to amend the interconnection agreements.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?


Grace Seaman

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¹ Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN).