

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

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**FROM:** GRACE SEAMAN

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 15, 2013

**RE:** CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF IDAHO  
AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.'S  
APPLICATIONS FOR AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT  
WITH NOEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.;  
CASE NOS. CTC-T-13-04 AND VZN-T-13-04.

### 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 November 12, 2013, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho and Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. submitted Applications for approval of an Interconnection Agreement with Noel Communications, Inc. In the Applications, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for interconnection, ancillary services, pricing and resale of services.

## STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Applications and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Applications 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 for the Interconnection Agreements.

## COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve these Applications?

  
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