

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JULY 29, 2011

RE: QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
OF THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH AT&T
COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MOUNTAIN STATES, INC.;
CASE NO. QWE-T-04-09.

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 26, 2011, Qwest Corporation submitted an Application to amend an interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on June 22, 2004. *See* Commission Order No. 295630. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment to the Qwest Local Services Platform (QLSP) that includes terms and conditions, and local switching port rates.


STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Application 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 Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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