

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: APRIL 22, 2011

RE: QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A
TYPE 2 WIRELESS AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES CELLULAR
CORPORATION; CASE NO. QWE-T-11-05.

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 April 14, 2011, the Commission received an Application from Qwest Corporation (Qwest) seeking approval to enter into a Type 2 Wireless Interconnection Agreement with United States Cellular Corporation. The agreement includes rates, ancillary services, access to telephone numbers, and terms and conditions for two-way wireless interconnection between the parties.


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 the interconnection agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?



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