

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KEMPTON
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

RE: QWEST CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH FRETTEL COMMUNICATIONS, LLC; CASE NO. USW-T-99-14.

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 January 24, 2011, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) submitted an Application to amend an interconnection agreement with Frettel Communications, LLC that was approved by the Commission on August 27, 1999. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve an amendment that adopts the Qwest Local Services Platform (QLSP) agreement which includes terms and conditions and rates for interconnect of services.


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?


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