

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 11, 2015**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: July 20, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Armando Fimbres *AF*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Kay Marinos *UK for SE* *BAC* *KM*

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Request to approve Negotiated Interconnection Agreements and Amendments submitted pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the new negotiated interconnection agreements and the amendment to a previously approved interconnection agreement listed below, with the agreements and amendment to be considered legally enforceable on the date of Commission approval.

DISCUSSION:

47 U.S.C. Sections 252(a) and (e) require that any negotiated interconnection agreement, including amendments to an existing agreement, be submitted to a state commission for approval. Under 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(4), the Commission must approve or reject such agreements within 90 days of filing. The Commission may reject an agreement only if it finds that:

- (i) the agreement, or portion thereof, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement, or portion thereof, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
See 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(2).

An interconnection agreement or amendment thereto is not legally enforceable until approved by a state commission. See 47 U.S.C. Sections 252(a) and (e). Accordingly, although the contracting parties may state in the agreement that each will abide by the

agreement prior to its approval by the Commission, the legally enforceable date under 47 U.S.C. Section 252 of any submitted agreement or amendment is the date the Commission approves it.

Staff has reviewed the following agreements and amendment to a previously approved agreement submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Amendment or Agreements
ARB 770(1)	Level 3 Communications, LLC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest f/k/a Embarq d/b/a CenturyLink
ARB 1090	UnwiredWest LLC and CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink
ARB 1091	UnwiredWest LLC and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink
ARB 1092	UnwiredWest LLC and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ARB 1093	UnwiredWest LLC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink

Staff recommends approval of the agreements and amendment. Staff finds that the agreements and amendment do not discriminate against non-party telecommunications carriers and do not appear to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, Staff concludes that there is no basis under 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(2) to reject the agreements or amendment.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The new agreements and amendment to a previously approved agreement listed above be approved.