

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 1107, ARB 1110, ARB 1111, ARB 1112

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON STAFF,

Request to approve Negotiated Interconnection
Agreements and Amendments Submitted
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its Public Meeting on January 26, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Becky L. Beier", is written over a horizontal line.

Becky L. Beier
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.

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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 26, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A

DATE: January 15, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Armando Fimbres

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Kay Marinos

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 listed below, with the agreements 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

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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 submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Agreements
ARB 1107	Bandwidth.com CLEC, LLC and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink; CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink
ARB 1110	SS7 Networks Inc. and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink
ARB 1111	SS7 Networks Inc. and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink; CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink
ARB 1112	SS7 Networks Inc. and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

Staff recommends approval of the agreements. Staff finds that the agreements 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.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The new agreements listed above be approved.

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