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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

ARB 204(1) and (2)

In the Matter of the First and Second Amendments)
to the Wireline Interconnection Agreement)
Between WESTERN TELEPHONE)
INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS, INC. and)
QWEST CORPORATION (fka U S WEST)
COMMUNICATIONS), Submitted for)
Commission Approval Pursuant to Section 252(e))
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: AMENDMENTS APPROVED

On August 2, 2000, Western Telephone Integrated Communications, Inc. (WTIC) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest), filed with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission), a first and second amendment to the interconnection agreement previously adopted and acknowledged by letter from the Commission on February 23, 2000. The first amendment to the agreement relates to adding terms, conditions and rates for Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT). The second amendment to the agreement relates to adding terms, conditions and rates for Unbundled Network Elements Combinations, Customized Routing and Shared Interoffice Transport. The parties seek approval of these amendments under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act).

Under the Act, the Commission must approve or reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiation within 90 days of filing. The Commission may reject an agreement only if it finds that:

- (1) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (2) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

The Commission provided notice of the request for approval and an opportunity to comment to a list of persons who have participated in arbitrations under the Act. PUC Staff filed comments.

Staff concluded that the amendments to the previously filed agreement do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement and do not appear to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

OPINION

The Commission has reviewed the amendments to the previously approved agreement and the comments. No participant in the proceeding has requested that the amendments be rejected or has presented any reason for rejection. The Commission concludes that there is no basis under the Act to reject the amendments and that the amendments should be approved.

CONCLUSIONS

1. There is no basis for finding that the amendments to the previously approved agreement discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement.
2. There is no basis for finding that implementation of the amended agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
3. The amendments should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to the previously approved agreement, between Western Telephone Integrated Communications, Inc. and Qwest Corporation, is approved.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

William G. Warren
Director
Utility Program

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to 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 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.