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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**OF OREGON**

ARB 443 (3, 4, 5)

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
ELECTRIC LIGHTWAVE, INC., and	)	
QWEST CORPORATION	)	ORDER
	)	
Third, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments to	)	
Interconnection Agreement, Submitted	)	
for Commission Approval Pursuant to	)	
Section 252 (e) of the Telecommuni-	)	
cations Act of 1996.	)	

DISPOSITION: AMENDMENTS APPROVED

On June 30, 2003, Electric Lightwave, Inc., and Qwest Corporation filed third, fourth, and fifth amendments to the interconnection agreement and amendments previously approved with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission), in Order Nos. 02-617 and 03-041. The parties seek approval of these amendments under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission provided notice by posting electronic copies on the World Wide Web, at: <http://www.puc.state.or.us/caragmnt/>. Only the Commission Staff (Staff) filed comments.

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.

An interconnection agreement or amendment thereto has no effect or force until approved by a state Commission. *See* 47 U.S.C. Sections 252 (a) and (e). Accordingly, the effective date of these filings will be the date the Commission signs an order approving them, and any provision stating that the parties' agreements are effective prior to that date is not enforceable.

Staff recommended approval of the amendments. Staff concluded that the amendments 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 adopts Staff's recommendation and concludes that there is no basis under the Act to reject the amendments. No participant in the proceeding has requested that the amendments be rejected or has presented any reason for rejection. Accordingly, the amendments should be approved.

**CONCLUSIONS**

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

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments between Electric Lightwave, Inc., and Qwest Corporation are approved.

Made, entered, and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Lee Sparling**  
Acting 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.