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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 527A
ARB 527B

In the Matter of)
)
QWEST CORPORATION)
)
Petition for Arbitration of Interconnection)
Rates, Terms, Conditions and Related)
Arrangements with AT&T)
Communications of the Pacific Northwest,)
Inc. and TCG Oregon.)

ORDER

**DISPOSITION: EXECUTED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS
APPROVED**

On May 18, 2004, the Commission entered Order No. 04-262, adopting the arbitrator’s resolution of disputed issues presented in a petition for arbitration filed by Qwest Corporation (Qwest) pursuant to Section 252 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act).¹ Qwest subsequently requested two extensions of time to file the interconnection agreements and filed executed agreements on July 14, 2004. Staff found an error, and Qwest filed copies of the corrected interconnection agreements with the Commission on October 14, 2004.

Section 252(e)(1) of the Act requires that any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. Section 252(e)(2)(B) provides that the State commission may reject an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by arbitration only “if it finds that the agreement does not meet the requirements of section 251, including the regulations prescribed by the Commission pursuant to section 251, or the standards set forth in subsection (d) of this section.”

¹ The petition for arbitration actually related to two interconnection agreements, docketed as ARB 527A, related to the agreement between Qwest and TCG Oregon, and ARB 527B related to the agreement between Qwest and AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc. Because the disputed issues were identical in each agreement, the Commission issued only one order in docket ARB 527.

The Commission concludes that the interconnection agreements comport with the requirements of the Act, the Federal Communications Commission rules where applicable, and relevant state law and regulations, and should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that interconnection agreements ARB 527A, filed by Qwest Corporation and TCG Oregon, and ARB 527B, filed by Qwest Corporation and AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., on October 14, 2004, are approved, effective on the dates specified in the agreements.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Lee Beyer
Chairman

John Savage
Commissioner

Ray Baum
Commissioner

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.