

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

ARB 516(3)

In the Matter of	)	
	)	
GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS,	)	ORDER
LLC, and QWEST CORPORATION,	)	
	)	
Third Amendment to Interconnection	)	
Agreement, Submitted for Commission	)	
Approval Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the	)	
Telecommunications Act of 1996.	)	

**DISPOSITION: AMENDMENT APPROVED**

On October 27, 2005, Granite Telecommunications, LLC, and Qwest Corporation filed a third amendment to the interconnection agreement and subsequent amendment previously approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) in Order Nos. 04-041 and 05-219. A subsequent amendment was filed and rejected in Order No. 04-678. The parties seek approval of the current amendment under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission provided notice by posting an electronic copy of the amendment 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 this filing will be the date the Commission signs an order approving it, and any provision stating that the parties' amendment is effective prior to that date is not enforceable.

**OPINION**

The Commission concludes that the amendment to the agreement does not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement and does not appear to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, the amendment should be approved.

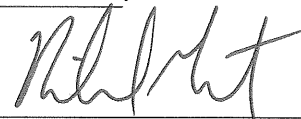
**CONCLUSIONS**

1. There is no basis for finding that the amendment to the previously approved agreement discriminates against any telecommunications carrier who is 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 amendment should be approved.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the amendment to the previously approved agreements between Granite Telecommunications, LLC, and Qwest Corporation is approved.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 09 2005



**Michael Grant**  
Chief Administrative Law Judge  
Administrative Hearings Division



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.