

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

ARB 563(2)

In the Matter of)	
)	
1-800-RECONEX INC dba US TEL and)	ORDER
QWEST CORPORATION)	
)	
Second Amendment to Interconnection)	
Agreement, Submitted for Commission)	
Approval Pursuant to Section 252(e) of)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

DISPOSITION: AMENDMENT APPROVED

On January 28, 2005, 1-800-Reconex Inc. dba US Tel and Qwest Corporation filed a second amendment to the interconnection agreement previously approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) with Order No. 04-524.¹ The parties seek approval of the 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.

Staff noted that an interconnection agreement or amendment thereto has no effect or force until approved by a state Commission. *See* 47 U.S.C. Sections 251 (a) and (e). Accordingly, Staff pointed out that the effective date of this filing will be the date the Commission signs an order approving it, and that any provision stating that the parties' agreement is effective prior to that date is not enforceable.

¹ The Commission takes official notice of the first amendment, ARB 563(1), previously filed on January 19, 2005, and suspends the pending review of that filing. The Commission is consolidating that prior filing with ARB 563(3) filed on February 1, 2005, for its review under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act. Also, the Commission will use the filing date of ARB 563(3) for purposes of the 90-day review period, and extends the comment due date to 45-days.

Staff recommended approval of the amendment. Staff concluded that the amendment to the previously approved 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.

OPINION

The Commission adopts Staff's recommendation and concludes that there is no basis under the Act to reject the amendment to the previously approved agreement. No participant in the proceeding has requested that the amendment be rejected or has presented any reason for rejection. Accordingly, the amendment should be approved.

CONCLUSIONS

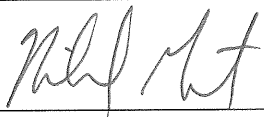
1. There is no basis for finding that the amendment to the previously approved agreement discriminates against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement.
2. There is no basis for finding that implementation of the amended agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience,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

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the amendment to the previously approved agreement between 1-800-Reconex Inc. dba US Tel and Qwest Corporation is approved.

Made, entered, and effective on MAR 31 2005.





Michael Grant
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.