

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 444(5)

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

DISPOSITION: AMENDMENT APPROVED

On February 16, 2006, PriorityOne Telecommunications, Inc., and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed a fifth amendment to the interconnection agreement previously acknowledged by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission), recognizing the adoption of ARB 219 terms. Subsequent amendments have been approved with Orders No. 02-692, 03-298, and 05-210. 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 agreement and amendment on the World Wide Web, at: <http://www.puc.state.or.us/caragmnt/>.

Under the Act, the Commission must approve or reject an agreement or amendment thereto 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 acknowledged 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 acknowledged agreement between PriorityOne Telecommunications, Inc., and Qwest Corporation is approved.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 02 2006 .



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.