

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

ARB 755

In the Matter of	)	
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T-MOBILE USA, INC. and CITIZENS	)	ORDER
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF	)	
OREGON,	)	
	)	
Negotiated Interconnection Agreement,	)	
Submitted for Commission Approval Pursuant	)	
to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications	)	
Act of 1996.	)	

**DISPOSITION:      AGREEMENT APPROVED**

On June 19, 2006, T-Mobile USA, Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon, filed a negotiated interconnection agreement with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission). The agreement is for interconnection and traffic exchange for cellular and other 2-way mobile radio services between the two parties. The parties seek approval of this agreement under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission provided notice by posting an electronic copy of the agreement 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' agreement or amendment is effective prior to that date is not enforceable.

The first page of the agreement is dated October 2, 2005. However, the agreement was not signed by T-Mobile USA, Inc. until January 18, 2006, and by Citizens on April 13, 2006. The agreement was not filed with the Commission until June 19, 2006. The agreement acknowledges on page 12 and again on page 18, that it is not effective until it has been approved by the Commission. Staff contacted the parties for more information regarding the time between origination and filing the agreement with the Commission. The parties indicated that negotiation of the terms of the agreement began on October 2, 2000, and concluded April 13, 2006. The companies were not operating under the contract during the negotiation period.

The amount of time between the April 13, 2006, signature date and the June filing date of the agreement is not uncommon in interconnection agreements. Staff found no reason to treat this filing any differently than other filed with similar delay between signature and filing.

Staff recommended approval of the agreement. Staff concluded that 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.

### **OPINION**

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

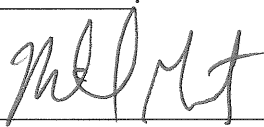
### **CONCLUSIONS**

1. There is no basis for finding that the agreement discriminates against any telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement.
2. There is no basis for finding that implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
3. The agreement should be approved.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the agreement between T-Mobile USA, Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon is approved.

Made, entered, and effective JUL 24 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.