

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 447(1), ARB 628(4), ARB 819

In the Matter of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON)	
STAFF,)	ORDER
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Request to approve Negotiated Interconnection)	
Agreements and Amendments Submitted Pursuant to)	
Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

DISPOSITION: AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED

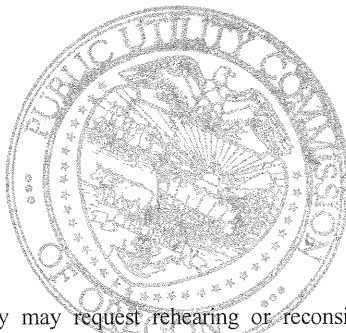
The Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) Staff recommended approval of certain negotiated interconnection agreements and amendments submitted pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The identification of the agreements and amendments and the basis for Staff's recommendation are set forth in a Public Meeting Report, which is attached as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

At the December 18, 2007, Public Meeting, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation and approved the identified agreements and amendments. The Commission Staff concluded that there is no basis under the Act to reject the agreements and amendments. Accordingly, all agreements and amendments listed in Staff report are approved, effective from the date of the public meeting.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the agreements and amendments identified in Appendix A are approved.

Made, entered, and effective DEC 20 2007.



Michael Grant

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.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2007

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A

DATE: December 10, 2007

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Celeste Hari *CH*

THROUGH: *li* Lee Sparling, *DB* Dave Booth, and *KM* Kay Marinos

SUBJECT: OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION STAFF: Request to approve Negotiated Interconnection Agreements and Amendments submitted pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve the negotiated interconnection agreement and amendments to previously approved negotiated interconnection agreements listed below.

DISCUSSION:

Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act) requires that any negotiated interconnection agreement, including amendments to an existing agreement, be submitted to a state commission for approval. Under the Act, the Commission must approve or reject such agreements within 90 days of filing. The Commission may reject an agreement only if it finds that:

- (i) the agreement, or portion thereof, discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement, or portion thereof, is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. See Section 252(e)(2).

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 any submitted agreement or amendment will be the date the

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Commission signs an order approving it, and any provision stating that the parties' agreement is effective prior to that date is not enforceable.

Staff has reviewed the following agreement and amendments submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Amendment or Agreement
ARB 447(1)	Meritel Group, Inc. and Qwest Corporation
ARB 628(4)	Cal-Ore Communications, Inc. (fka Cal-Ore Telephone) and Qwest Corporation
ARB 819	Telrite Corporation and Qwest Corporation

Staff recommends approval of the agreement and amendments. Staff finds that the agreement and amendments do not discriminate against non-party telecommunications carriers and do not appear to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. Accordingly, Staff concludes that there is no basis under the Act to reject the agreement and amendments.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The negotiated interconnection agreement and amendments to previously approved negotiated interconnection agreements listed above be approved.

ARB Agreements