

ORDER NO. 13 125

ENTERED APR 09 2013

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 1029, ARB 1028, ARB 649(6), ARB 653(1), ARB 697(1)

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON STAFF,

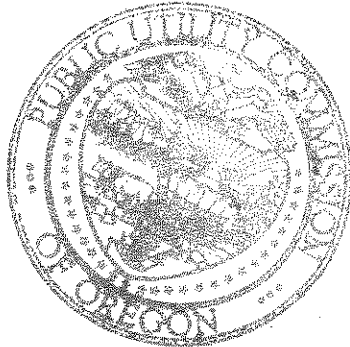
Request to approve Negotiated Interconnection
Agreements and Amendments Submitted
Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

At its Public Meeting on April 9, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon adopted Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

BY THE COMMISSION:



Becky L. Beier

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Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: April 9, 2013**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: March 29, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitch Moore ^{mm}

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, and Kay Marinos ^J ^{BC} ^{KM}

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 new negotiated agreements and amendments to previously negotiated agreements listed below, with the agreements and the amendments to be considered legally enforceable on the date of Commission approval.

DISCUSSION:

47 U.S.C. Sections 252(a) and (e) (hereafter "Section 252") require 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).

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An interconnection agreement or amendment thereto is not legally enforceable until approved by a state commission. See Sections 252 (a) and (e). Accordingly, although the contracting parties may state in the agreement that each will abide by the agreement prior to its approval by the Commission, the legally enforceable date under Section 252 of any submitted agreement or amendment is the date the Commission approves it.

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

| Docket | Parties to the Amendment or Agreement |
|---------------|---|
| ARB 1028 | United States Cellular Corporation and Asotin Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom |
| ARB 1029 | United States Cellular Corporation and Home Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom |
| ARB 649(6) | Comcast Phone of Oregon, LLC and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC |
| ARB 653(1) | Sprint Communications Company, LP and United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink |
| ARB 697(1) | United States Cellular Corporation and Roome Telecommunications, Inc. |

Staff recommends approval of the agreements and the amendments. Staff finds that the agreements and the 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 agreements or the amendments.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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