

ORDER NO. 17 490

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 516(6), ARB 1053(1), ARB 1158(1), ARB 1162, ARB 1162(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 December 5, 2017, 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:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Dougherty", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Dougherty
Chief Operating Officer

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 to a court pursuant to applicable law.

ITEM NO. CA1

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 5, 2017

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A

DATE: November 27, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kay Marinos *KM*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *JE* and Bryan Conway *BC*

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

DISCUSSION:

47 U.S.C. Sections 252(a) and (e) require that any negotiated interconnection agreement, including amendments to an existing agreement, be submitted to a state commission for approval. Under 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(4), 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 47 U.S.C. Section 252(e)(2).

An interconnection agreement or amendment thereto is not legally enforceable until approved by a state commission. See 47 U.S.C. Sections 252(a) and (e). Accordingly, although the contracting parties may state in the agreement that each will abide by the

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agreement prior to its approval by the Commission, the legally enforceable date under 47 U.S.C. Section 252 of any submitted agreement or amendment is the date the Commission approves it.

Staff has reviewed the following agreement and amendments to previously approved agreements submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Agreement or Amendment
ARB 516(6)	Granite Telecommunications LLC and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ARB 1053(1)	Wide Voice, LLC and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ARB 1158(1)	Neutral Tandem-Oregon, LLC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba CenturyLink
ARB 1162 & ARB 1162(1)	Neutral Tandem-Oregon, LLC and CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink

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 or amendments.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve the new agreement and amendments to previously approved agreements listed above.

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