

ORDER NO. 19-295

ENTERED Sep 10 2019

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

ARB 747(2)

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 September 10, 2019, 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 "Nolan Moser".

Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division

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.

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**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 10, 2019**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** _____ **N/A** _____

DATE: August 29, 2019

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Kay Marinos

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Bryan Conway **SIGNED**

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 amendment to a previously approved interconnection agreement listed below, with the amendment 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 agreement prior to its approval by the Commission, the legally enforceable date under

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47 U.S.C. Section 252 of any submitted agreement or amendment is the date the Commission approves it.

Staff has reviewed the following amendment submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Agreement or Amendment
ARB 747(2)	Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Company and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC

Staff recommends approval of the amendment. Staff finds that the amendment does not discriminate against non-party telecommunications carriers and does 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 amendment.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve the amendment to a previously approved interconnection agreement listed above.

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