

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

ARB 509(20), ARB 1196

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 August 25, 2020, 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.

ITEM NO. CA15

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 25, 2020**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**   X   **EFFECTIVE DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **N/A** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** July 31, 2020

**TO:** Public Utility Commission

**FROM:** Stephen Hayes

**THROUGH:** Bryan Conway and Michael Dougherty **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:**

Approve the new negotiated interconnection agreement and amendment listed below, with the new and amended agreement 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 new agreement and amendment organized by filing date and submitted for Commission approval:

<b>Docket</b>	<b>Parties to the Agreement or Amendment</b>
ARB 509(20)	Lightspeed Networks, INC. d/b/a LS Networks and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ARB 1196	Teleport Communications America, LLC and Roome Telecommunications, INC.

Staff recommends approval of the agreement and amendment. Staff finds that the new and amended agreement 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 agreement or amendment.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve the new negotiated interconnection agreement and amendments listed above.