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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

ARB 10 (2) and (3)

In the Matter of Amendments (No. 3 and No. 4))	
to the Interconnection Agreement Between)	
SPRINT COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, L.P.)	ORDER
and QWEST CORPORATION (fka U S WEST)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.), Submitted for)	
Commission Approval Pursuant to Section 252(e) of)	
the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)	

DISPOSITION: AMENDMENTS APPROVED

On January 25, 2001, Sprint Communications Company, L.P. (Sprint) and Qwest Corporation, formerly known as U S WEST Communications, Inc. (Qwest), filed Amendments (No. 3 and No. 4)¹ to their interconnection agreement previously approved by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) with Order Nos. 97-219 and 01-133. The parties seek approval of these amendments under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Under the Act, the Commission must approve or reject an agreement reached through voluntary negotiation within 90 days of filing. The Commission may reject an agreement only if it finds that:

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

The Commission provided notice of the request for approval and an opportunity to comment to a list of persons who have participated in arbitrations under the Act. PUC Staff filed comments.

¹ To date, the parties have not filed an amendment No. 2 with the Commission. Therefore, these current amendments, referred to by the parties as No. 3 and No. 4, actually represent the second and third amendments to the agreement, and will be tracked as ARB 10(2) and ARB 10(3).

Staff recommends Commission approval. Staff concludes that the amendments do not appear to discriminate against telecommunications carriers who are not parties to the agreement and does not appear to be inconsistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

OPINION

The Commission has reviewed the amendments to the previously approved agreement and the comments. No participant has requested that the amendments be rejected or has presented any reason for rejection. The Commission concludes that there is no basis under the Act to reject the amendments and that the amendments should be approved.

CONCLUSIONS

1. There is no basis for finding that the amendments to the previously approved agreement discriminate against any telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement.
2. There is no basis for finding that implementation of the amended agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
3. The amendments should be approved.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the amendments to the previously approved agreement, between Sprint Communications Company, L.P. and Qwest Corporation, are approved.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Phil Nyegaard
Acting Director
Utility Program

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.