

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 3, 2013

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ N/A _____

DATE: August 26, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitch Moore *MM*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer *JE*, Bryan Conway *BC*, and Kay Marinos *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 amendments to previously negotiated agreements listed below, with 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).

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 amendments submitted for Commission approval:

Docket	Parties to the Amendment or Agreement
ARB 66(1)	New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and its Commercial Mobile Radio Affiliates, dba AT&T Mobility and CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink
ARB 401(13)	Douglas Services, Inc. and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
ARB 985(1)	Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless and CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. dba CenturyLink

Staff recommends approval of the amendments. Staff finds that 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 amendments.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

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