

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-980380
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INTEGRA TELECOM OF)	
WASHINGTON, INC.)	
)	
and)	ORDER APPROVING
)	NEGOTIATED FIFTEENTH
QWEST CORPORATION)	AMENDED AGREEMENT
)	ADDING PROVISIONS FOR
For Approval of Negotiated)	PRIVATE LINE UNBUNDLED
Agreement Under the)	DEDICATED INTEROFFICE
Telecommunications Act of 1996)	TRANSPORT CONVERSION
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 This matter comes before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval of a negotiated fifteenth amended agreement (Amended Agreement) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Telecom Act). The Amended Agreement is between Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., (Integra) and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). The Commission approved an interconnection agreement between the parties on December 9, 1998, a first amended agreement on November 30, 1999, a second amended agreement on May 10, 2000, a third and fourth amended agreement on July 31, 2000, a fifth amended agreement on October 25, 2000, a sixth amended agreement on May 30, 2001, a seventh amended agreement on February 15, 2002, an eighth amended agreement on March 27, 2002, a ninth amended agreement on July 10, 2002, a tenth amended agreement on August 28, 2002, an eleventh amended agreement on October 9, 2002, the twelfth and thirteenth amended agreements on August 13, 2003, and the fourteenth amended agreement on January 28, 2004. The Commission ordered that in the event the parties amended their agreement, the amended agreement would be deemed a new agreement under the Telecom Act and must be submitted to the Commission for approval.

The parties filed a joint request for approval of a fifteenth amendment on February 4, 2004.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 2 (1) The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, and transfer of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW and Chapter 80.36 RCW.*
- 3 (2) Section 252(e)(1) of the Telecom Act requires parties to a negotiated agreement to submit the agreement to the Commission for approval. Section 252(e)(2)(A) states that the Commission may only reject an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation if it finds that:
 - 4 (i) the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
 - 5 (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.
- 6 (3) Qwest is engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, basic local exchange service within the state of Washington.
- 7 (4) Integra is authorized to provide telecommunications services to the public in the state of Washington.
- 8 (5) The Commission approved an interconnection agreement between the parties on December 9, 1998, a first amended agreement on November 30,

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- 9 (6) On February 4, 2004, the parties filed with the Commission a joint request for approval of a fifteenth amendment to the previously approved interconnection agreement, pursuant to the Telecom Act.
- 10 (7) Integra and Qwest voluntarily negotiated the Amended Agreement in its entirety.
- 11 (8) The Amended Agreement between Integra and Qwest was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 25, 2004.
- 12 (9) The Amended Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier.
- 13 (10) The Amended Agreement will facilitate local exchange competition in the state of Washington.
- 14 (11) The Amended Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

- 15 (12) The Amended Agreement meets the requirements of Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecom Act, including Section 252(e).
- 16 (13) The laws and regulations of the State of Washington and Commission orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Amended Agreement. The Amended Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 17 (14) After examination of the proposed Amended Agreement filed by Integra and Qwest on February 4, 2004, and giving consideration to all relevant matters, the Commission finds the proposed Amended Agreement should be approved.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 18 (1) The Amended Agreement between Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., and Qwest Corporation, which the parties filed on February 4, 2004, is approved and effective as of the date of this Order.
- 19 (2) In the event that the parties revise, modify, or amend the agreement approved in this Order, the revised, modified, or amended agreement will be deemed to be a new agreement under the Telecom Act and must be submitted to the Commission for approval, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1) and relevant provisions of state law, prior to taking effect.
- 20 (3) The laws and regulations of the State of Washington and Commission Orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Amended Agreement. The Amended Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 25th day of February, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary