

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request for)	
Approval of Negotiated Agreement)	DOCKET NO. UT-013065
Under the Telecommunications Act of)	
1996 Between)	ORDER APPROVING ADOPTION
)	OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED
AGI WASHINGTON, INC.,)	NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT FOR
)	INTERCONNECTION AND RESALE
and)	OF SERVICES
)	
QWEST CORPORATION)	
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 This matter comes before the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval to adopt an approved negotiated agreement for interconnection and the resale of specified exchange services (Agreement) under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Telecom Act). The Agreement is between AGI Washington, Inc., (AGI), and Qwest Corporation (Qwest). On July 6, 2001, the parties filed a joint request that AGI adopt an interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on April 22, 1998, in Docket UT-980312 between Covad Communications Company (Covad), and Qwest, f/k/a U S WEST Communications, Inc., (U S WEST).

MEMORANDUM

2 The Agreement between AGI and Qwest was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open public meeting of September 26, 2001, at its offices in Olympia, Washington. The Commission granted its approval of the Agreement as negotiated and requested by the parties.

FINDINGS OF FACT

3 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 transfers of public service companies, including telecommunications companies.

4 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:

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

5 Qwest is engaged in the business of furnishing telecommunications services, including, but not limited to, basic local exchange service within the state of Washington.

6 AGI is not currently authorized to provide telecommunications services in the state of Washington.

7 On July 6, 2001, the parties filed a joint request that AGI adopt an interconnection agreement approved by the Commission on April 22, 1998, in Docket UT-980312 between Covad and U S WEST pursuant to the Telecom Act.

8 The Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier.

9 The Agreement will facilitate local exchange competition in the state of Washington by enabling AGI to enter the local exchange market and increase customer choices for local exchange services.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10 The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter and all parties to this proceeding.

11 The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

12 The Agreement meets the requirements of Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecom Act, including Section 252(e).

13 Approval of the Agreement does not in any way waive AGI's requirement to become a registered telecommunications service provider in the state of Washington.

14 The laws and regulations of the State of Washington, and Commission orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and the Washington courts.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 15 The Agreement for resale of services between AGI Washington, Inc., and Qwest Corporation., which the parties filed on July 6, 2001, is approved.
- 16 AGI Washington, Inc., is not currently authorized to provide telecommunications services in the state of Washington. Approval of the Agreement does not in any way waive AGI Washington, Inc.'s requirement to become a registered telecommunications service provider in the state of Washington. The Agreement will not become operable until such time as AGI Washington, Inc., has been registered as a telecommunications service provider by this Commission.
- 17 In the event that the parties revise, modify, or amend the agreement approved herein, the revised, modified, or amended agreement will be deemed to be a new negotiated 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.
- 18 The laws and regulations of the State of Washington, and Commission orders govern the construction and interpretation of the Agreement. The Agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and the Washington courts.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 26th day of September, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner