

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Joint Petition of Central Telephone Company d/b/a)
CenturyLink and Southwest Telephone Company for)
approval of an Interconnection Agreement pursuant to) Docket No. 19-06040
Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.)
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At a general session of the Public Utilities
Commission of Nevada, held at its offices
on August 14, 2019.

PRESENT: Chairwoman Ann Pongracz
Commissioner C.J. Manthe
Commissioner Hayley Williamson
Assistant Commission Secretary Trisha Osborne

ORDER

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) makes the following
findings and conclusions:

I. INTRODUCTION

Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink and Southwest Telephone Company (collectively, the “Joint Petitioners”) filed with the Commission a Joint Petition, designated as Docket No. 19-06040, for approval of an Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

II. SUMMARY

The Commission grants the Joint Petition and approves the Agreement.

III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- On June 27, 2019, the Joint Petitioners filed the Joint Petition. The matter was designated as Docket No. 19-06040.
- The Joint Petition was filed pursuant to Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (47 United States Code (“U.S.C.”) § 252) and Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.280 through 703.296.
- On July 1, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice of Petition for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement Between Telecommunication Carriers under Section 252 of the Telecommunications Act and Notice of Pendency of Hearing.

- The Commission’s Regulatory Operations Staff (“Staff”) participates as a matter of right pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) 703.301.
- On July 30, 2019, Staff filed a memorandum with the Commission.

IV. AGREEMENT

The Joint Petitioners’ Position

1. The Joint Petitioners state that the Agreement sets forth the respective obligations of the Joint Petitioners and the terms and conditions under which the Joint Petitioners will interconnect their networks and facilities and provide to each other services as required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Joint Petitioners request approval of the Agreement.

(Joint Pet.)

Staff’s Position

2. Staff recommends that the Commission find that the grounds for rejection of an agreement (as set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)) are not applicable to this Agreement and that the Agreement should be approved as filed. (Staff Memorandum at 1.)

Commission Discussion and Findings

3. The Commission finds that the grounds for rejection of an agreement (as set forth in 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)) are not applicable to this Agreement and that the Agreement should be approved as filed.

THEREFORE, it is ORDERED:


1. The Joint Petition filed by Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink and Southwest Telephone Company, designated as Docket No. 19-06040, is GRANTED.

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2. The Interconnection Agreement between Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink and Southwest Telephone Company is APPROVED AS FILED.

By the Commission,


ANN PONGBACZ, Chairwoman


C.J. MANTHE, Commissioner


HAYLEY WILLIAMSON, Commissioner

Attest: 
TRISHA OSBORNE,
Assistant Commission Secretary

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

8/15/19

(SEAL)

