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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director

Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager

Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: April 10, 2017

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Amended Interconnection Agreement between Owest

Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Neutral Tandem, Inc. Docket No.17-049-06.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

EXPLANATION:

On or about April 06, 2017, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed the Amended Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on March 31, 2017 with Neutral Tandem - Utah, LLC ("Neutral Tandem").

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Neutral Tandem and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

cc: Diane Roth, Director – Wholesale, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
 John Bullock, COO, Neutral Tandem - Utah, LLC
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