

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Section 63.71 Application of)
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Qwest Communications Company, LLC)
d/b/a CenturyLink QCC)
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For Authority to Discontinue)
Broadband Phone Service)

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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Qwest Communications Company, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink QCC (CenturyLink) hereby applies for authority to discontinue its Broadband Phone Service(s) (BPS) pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214.

CenturyLink is a non-dominant carrier with respect to BPS. CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The anticipated date for discontinuing BPS is December 30, 2011, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of BPS in all states where it is currently offered, specifically the states of: Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Minnesota,

Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

BPS is a consumer voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) telephone service offering. It allows consumers to place telephone calls over their broadband Internet service. CenturyLink is discontinuing this offering because it has not been commercially successful. In fact, CenturyLink has fewer than 30 BPS customers in several of the states in which it is offered. Current BPS customers have the option of moving to a comparable voice and long distance offering provided by CenturyLink or switching to a different provider of these services.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Attached hereto is a sample of the letters that were sent to all of CenturyLink's BPS customers via U.S. Mail.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued

CenturyLink is a non-dominant carrier in regard to the service to be discontinued.

7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each affected state identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTURYLINK

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DATE: November 17, 2011

November 16, 2011

Qwest is now CenturyLink.

ACTION REQUIRED
Important Information Regarding the
Termination of your Broadband Phone Service

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Address:

Dear:

At CenturyLink, our goal is to bring you great quality and value while still remaining competitive. Changing market conditions require that we continually evaluate our prices, product offerings and infrastructure.

Occasionally our evaluation directs us to make changes to some products. Effective December 30, 2011, CenturyLink will terminate its Broadband Phone Service product in all geographic areas, which is a voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) telephone service. **As of December 30, 2011, your Broadband Phone Service will no longer function. As a result, you will need to choose a new service prior to that date. Options for replacement telephone service include CenturyLink's traditional residential telephone service.**

As a result of termination of your Broadband Phone Service, you will need to make arrangements to have your existing Telephone Number transferred to your new telephone service. This service will need be transferred prior to December 30, 2011 or you will lose your existing telephone number.

If you have any questions about this disconnection of your Broadband Phone service, please contact us at 1-888-353-4814 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6p.m. MT.

As a loyal CenturyLink customer, we want to ensure that you continue to receive the highest quality High-Speed Internet. Due to the discontinuation of Broadband Phone Service, CenturyLink would like the opportunity to continue to save you money by offering you the opportunity to lock in your High-Speed Internet rates for 5-years, all with no term commitments. Call us for details.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal

Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of CenturyLink. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Please contact us at 1-888-353-4814 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. MT to take advantage of this great offer and for a free no obligation account review. It's a quick and easy way to make sure you are getting the most for your money with every service in your communications package.

Spanish Speaking Customers may contact us between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. MT by calling 1-866-871-0113.

Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher Calvert, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION** to be 1) filed with the Secretary of the FCC via courier (original and five copies plus one for stamp and return), 2) served, via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Oregon South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming, 3) served, via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Arizona Corporation Commission, Colorado Public Utilities Commission, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Iowa Utilities Board, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, Montana Public Service Commission, Nebraska Public Service Commission, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Public Utility Commission of Oregon, South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, Utah Public Service Commission, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and Wyoming Public Service Commission, and 4) served, via First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense (all addresses delineated in attached list).

/s/ Christopher Calvert
Christopher Calvert

November 17, 2011

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