

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF CENTURYLINK QC'S )  
REQUEST OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC ) TC - 11- \_\_\_\_\_  
UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR 2012 ETC )  
CERTIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL )  
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION )  
§ 20:10:32:52 )

Affidavit of David D. Cole

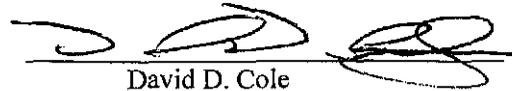
David D. Cole, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

1. I am employed by CenturyLink Inc. as the Senior Vice President for Operations Support and Controller.
2. This affidavit will certify, as required in § 20:10:32:43:01, that CenturyLink will provide service through out its designated service area in a reasonable time to requesting customers where facilities already pass the requesting customer's premise. In cases where facilities do not exist and the requesting customer is required to and willing to pay the required construction charges, CenturyLink certifies that it will provide service in a reasonable time frame.
3. This affidavit will certify, as required in § 20:10:32:54 (6) that CenturyLink complies with the applicable service quality and consumer protection provisions in Commission rules.
4. This affidavit will certify, as required in § 20:10:32:54 (7) that CenturyLink has the ability to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 20:10:32:43:03.
5. This affidavit will certify, as required in § 20:10:32:54 (8) that CenturyLink is offering rates comparable to other carriers.
6. This affidavit will certify, as required in § 20:10:32:54 (9) that CenturyLink is able to provide equal access to long distance carriers if no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the service area.

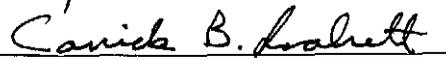
This affidavit will certify that all Federal USF High Cost Fund support provided to CenturyLink will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Further this affiant sayeth not.

Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012

  
David D. Cole

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2012

  
Carrick B. Inabnett  
Bar No. 21675  
Comm. Expires: Death