

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**In the Matter of the Request of Qwest
Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for
Certification Regarding its Use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

Docket No. TC13-090

**QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S RESPONSE
TO THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STAFF'S SECOND DATA REQUEST**

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, for its response to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff's Second Data Request, states as follows:

CENTURYLINK'S RESPONSES

Data Request 2-1: Given that ARSD 20:10:32:54(3) reads the same as 47 CFR 54.313(2), please explain why the service outages reported on the FCC's form 481 are different than the outages reported on Attachment E of the June 28th filing.

Response:

As can be seen on Attachment E of the June filing, both outages are classified as impacting North Dakota, but only one as having absolutely impacted South Dakota. At the time of the June filing, it was believed that both outages reported, while having happened in North Dakota, could have impacted South Dakota customers. When the October Form 481 was filed, it had been determined that only one of the service outages had indeed impacted South Dakota customers. The reporting was modified.

Data Request 2-2: According to note 7, CenturyLink QC was not required to complete sections 700 and 710 on this year's Form 481 filing. Please explain why the "completion required" boxes are checked for sections 700 and 710.

Response:

On the initial page of the Form 481 under the heading, *ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS*, there are boxes to denote which requirements pertain to each of the two distinct sections of 47 C.F.R. 54. There is an additional notation, “*check box when complete.*” CenturyLink QC considered its response as complete even if a response was not required for this year’s reporting period. Lines 700 and 710 refer to the company’s price offerings for voice and broadband services as referenced in 47 C.F.R. 54.313(7). In DA 13-1707 released August 6, 2013, in paragraph 3, 47 C.F.R. 54.313(7) was omitted as a reporting requirement for this reporting period.

Data Request 2-3: Please explain why sections 921 through 929 on page 7 of Form 481 are checked as “N/A.”

Response:

CenturyLink was engaged with the Rosebud Tribe throughout 2012 in the normal course of business to address issues of interest regarding CenturyLink’s current and potential services to the small portion of the tribal area served by the company. That engagement has continued into 2013. And while the issues listed in the sections noted in this request are generally dealt with during the course of normal business on Rosebud Tribal lands, the individual boxes on the Form 481 were marked “N/A” because those issues were not a focus in our engagement with the Rosebud Tribe in 2012.

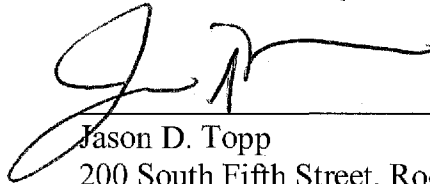
Data Request 2-4: Please explain why the “completion required” boxes are checked for sections 1100 and 1110 when CenturyLink QC identified the company has terrestrial backhaul available.

Response:

On the initial page of the Form 481 under the heading, *ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS*, there are boxes to denote which requirements pertain to each of the two distinct sections of 47 C.F.R. 54. There is an additional notation, “*check box when complete.*” CenturyLink QC considered its response as complete even if a response was not required for this year’s reporting period. CenturyLink QC has terrestrial backhaul available; therefore, responses to lines 1120 and 1130 were not required.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2013.

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