



Jason D. Topp
Associate General Counsel - Regulatory
(651) 312-5364

June 17, 2015

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: CenturyLink 2015 Federal ETC Filing

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90, et al. With that Order, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file with the FCC by July 1st of each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

The annual ETC reporting requirements are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC’s rules. The FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be utilized by ETCs to report the data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and § 54.422.

In addition, ETCs with voice service rates that are below the rate floor as specified by the FCC¹ must file separately the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h) by July 1.

Enclosed are Form 481 and the voice rate information for Qwest Corporation – South Dakota, as filed by CenturyLink with the FCC. The outage information that is customer or company proprietary information provided in response to § 54.313(a)(2) and (9), the detailed broadband speed availability information at the exchange level provided in response to § 54.313(a)(7), and the access line data provided in response to § 54.313(h) are confidential.

CenturyLink requests this information be treated as confidential as provided by ARSD 20:10:01:41 and ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4). Also enclosed is a Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

¹ Only ETCs that receive Federal High Cost Loop or High Cost Model Support are required to report residential basic rates below the rate floor.

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director

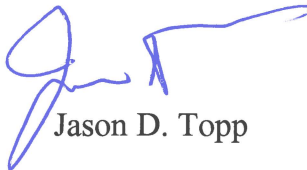
Page 2

June 17, 2015

Consistent with past years, CenturyLink requests that you provide the required certification to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by October 1, 2015 in order for the Company to continue receipt of its Federal high cost support in South Dakota.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Topp", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason D. Topp

JDT/bardm

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of CenturyLink's 2015 Federal ETC Filing was delivered via e-mail on this 17th day of June, 2015, to the following parties:

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501
patty.vangerpen@state.sd.us
(605) 773-3201 - voice
(866) 757-6031 – fax

Mr. Jason D. Topp
Associate General Counsel
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink
200 S. 5th St., Room 2200
Minneapolis, MN 55402
jason.topp@centurylink.com
(651) 312-5364 - voice
(612) 672-8911 – fax



Dianne Barthel