

**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 16-_____
UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR 2016 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 Executive 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 throughout its designated service areas in a reasonable time to requesting customers where facilities already pass the requesting customer's premises. In cases where facilities do not exist and the requesting customer is required and willing to pay the applicable 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 possesses the ability to function in emergency situations as set forth in §20:10:32:43:03.

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

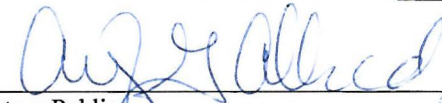
FURTHER THIS AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

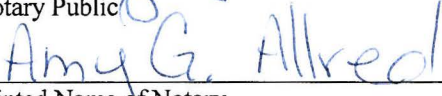
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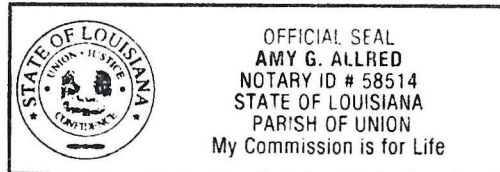
David D. Cole
Executive Vice President Operations Support and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 24th day of June, 2016 in Monroe, Louisiana.



Notary Public


Printed Name of Notary



My Commission Expires: upon death