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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

**Re: In the Matter of the Filing by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink for Approval of Waiver of the Utilization Threshold Requirements in Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Docket No. TC17-006**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Commission staff asked that CenturyLink file this letter providing answers to questions they had regarding this docket. The questions and answers are as follows:

1. Will any of the blocks be able to be returned?

Response: None of the blocks will be returned.

2. How many of the 10,000 numbers will be utilized by the new customer?

Response: The customer is in the process of establishing a new building and anticipates having 300 new users in the building this fall. Currently, it is expanding its Business Center by 1,000 users. With its current growth, building projects and projected expansion, it is important to establish a new code that will allow it to move forward with anticipated growth in mind. This will also provide consistency with its internal dialing plan. CenturyLink understands the importance of remaining mindful of numbers conservation, but also realizes the negative impact for its customers undergoing such significant growth and wants to ensure future growth is not limited. The new economic growth in the Sioux Falls area will be significant with the additional building for our customer.

3. Demonstrate why this customer request cannot be met (fully or partially) with current inventory.

Response: Since the customer request is for 10,000 consecutive numbers, CenturyLink does not have those numbers available out of its current inventory. In looking at the numbers that are available, CenturyLink would have to take numbers out of 10 different NXX's and 12 blocks to reach 10,000 numbers. With that, we would also have many blocks 'broken' into small groups of number – 100 consecutive or less. This would create difficulty for the customer's internal dialing plan.

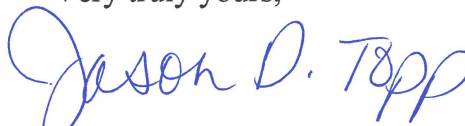
4. Refer to DR1-2 in docket TC16-051. Provide an update of the utilization of the numbers provided in this docket.

Response: Our current utilization of numbers in the Sioux Falls, SD Rate Center is nearly 72 percent. (71.939%)

5. Will this large Sioux Falls customer requesting these numbers be able to relinquish any of their existing numbers? Please explain.

Response: The customer will not be returning any of its current numbers. Due to the establishment of its new building and continued anticipated growth, the customer needed additional numbers. While the full 10,000 will not be needed immediately, the customer is trying to preserve and ensure its internal dialing pattern will not be disrupted with future growth.

Very truly yours,

  
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