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 (Study Area: 395145) Docket No. TC18-041

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") requests confidential treatment of information as follows:

- 1. CenturyLink requests confidential protection and treatment of the information contained in the responses to Data Request Nos. 1-3, 1-4, 1-5 and 1-6 which contain competitively sensitive information. The responses are marked as "Confidential."
 - 2. The document must be protected while in the possession of the Commission.
- 3. The person to be notified is Kent Blickensderfer, CenturyLink, 220 North 5th Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501, telephone (701) 222-7051.
- 4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-29-1 (4).
- 5. The document contains proprietary business information. Disclosure of this document will provide actual and potential competitors with information which could provide them with a unique and unfair competitive advantage. Accordingly, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for confidential protection and treatment.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2018.

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