

October 19, 2022

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

Re: CenturyLink Forbearance Master Services Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc.

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

I have attached for your information a recently executed copy of an agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) and Consolidated Communications Enterprises Services, Inc. (“Consolidated”) called the CenturyLink Forbearance Master Services Agreement (“CenturyLink Forbearance MSA”). The agreement provides for Consolidated’s purchase from CenturyLink of mass market switching and shared transport elements that Consolidated may combine with local loops purchased from the separate interconnection agreement between CenturyLink and Consolidated.

The Commission has previously reviewed other CLSP agreements (previously known as QLSP agreements) and accepted them as informational filings (see, for example, the QLSP agreement between Qwest and American Fiber Network, Inc. submitted to the Commission on February 8, 2007). This agreement provides the same services covered by those agreements. CenturyLink respectfully requests that you accept this agreement in the manner you have QLSP agreements, as an informational filing.

Contact information for Consolidated is:

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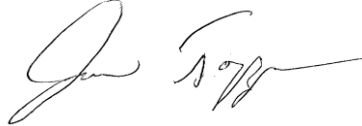
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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Topp". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Pam Lehrke (via e-mail)