

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC (SOUTH DAKOTA)'S REQUEST OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR 2023 ETC CERTIFICATION TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION §20:10:32:52))))) TC23-_____

Affidavit of Kenneth W. Buchan

Kenneth W. Buchan, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I am employed by Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance, a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent"). Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (South Dakota) (the "Company"), which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Company.
2. This affidavit will certify, as required in §20:10:32:43:01, that the Company 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, the Company 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 the Company substantially 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 the Company substantially possesses the ability to function in emergency situations as set forth in §20:10:32:43:03.
5. This affidavit will certify that all federal universal service support provided to the Company 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.

Dated this 28th day of June, 2023

Kenneth W. Buchan Senior Manager Regulatory Finance

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 28th day of June, 2023 in Monroe, Louisiana.

Amy G. Allred Notary Public

Amy G. Allred Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: upon death

