

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

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**In the Matter of CenturyLink QC's Request  
for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal  
Universal Service Support**

**TC15-049**

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**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION**

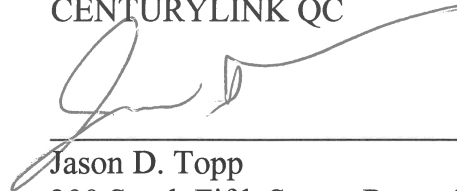
Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") requests confidential treatment of information as follows:

1. CenturyLink requests confidential protection and treatment of Attachments 1-4, 1-5, 1-8 and 1-10 to its Responses to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff's First Set of Data Requests which contain competitively sensitive information. The attachments are marked as "Confidential."
2. The documents must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed, all protected information must be returned to CenturyLink.
3. The person to be notified is Kent Blickensderfer, CenturyLink, 220 North 5<sup>th</sup> 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 documents contain proprietary business information. Disclosure of these documents 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 28th day of July, 2015.

CENTURYLINK QC

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

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