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Patricia Van Gerpen
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Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building, 1st Floor
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Pierre, SD 57501-5070

> **Re:** **In the Matter of the Filling by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink for Approval of Waiver of the Utilization Threshold Requirements in Sioux Falls, South Dakota**
> **Docket No. TC16-051**

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?

None of the blocks will be returned.

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

Our customer will be using all 10,000 numbers. The initial plan is to implement the new communication system that will assign a DID to each and every nurse in the entire facility. At this phase of the implementation of the system, 4000 DID's will be required to cover the nursing and ancillary personnel in the Sioux Falls facilities. There is a new facility scheduled to open in September, 2016 and at that time, there will be approximately 2000 additional numbers needed. Because this customer has been continuously adding facilities in Sioux Falls to the system, they anticipate using the remaining 4000 numbers for growth and expansion over the next three years. They have requested the entire code (10,000 numbers) in an effort to maintain consistency with the system-wide dialing plan and to ensure proper internal call routing.
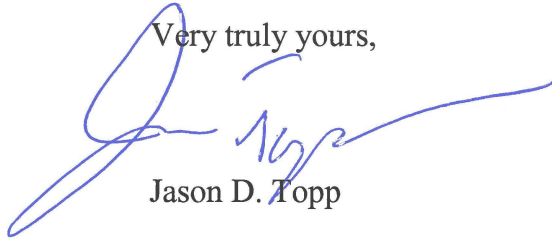
3. Demonstrate why this customer request cannot be met (fully or partially) with current inventory.

Because the customer is requesting 10,000 consecutive numbers, we don't have a full code available. In looking at our current, available inventory of numbers, we would need to use numbers from at least 11 different NPA/NXX Codes to meet the customer's request, so the numbers would not be consecutive. Many of the blocks available would be less than 500 sequentially.

Very truly yours,

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