

**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. TC21-061

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (South Dakota) (“CenturyLink”) requests confidential treatment of information as follows:

1. CenturyLink requests confidential protection and treatment of pages 2, 3, and 4 and Confidential Attachments 1-1, 1-3, and 1-10 of its responses to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff’s First Data Requests, which contain competitively sensitive information. Pages 2, 3, and 4 and Confidential Attachments 1-1, 1-3 and 1-10 are marked as “Confidential.”

2. The document 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 Ted Hankins, CenturyLink, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, telephone (318) 388-9416.

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 13th day of July, 2021.

CENTURYLINK

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Topp", written in a cursive style.

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