

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

**IN THE MATTER OF QWEST CORPORATION )  
DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S PETITION FOR )  
APPROVAL OF NON-IMPAIRED WIRE )  
CENTER LISTS PURSUANT TO THE )  
TRIENNIAL REVIEW REMAND ORDER )**

**ORDER APPROVING )  
PROCEDURE TO )  
DETERMINE IMPAIRMENT )  
STATUS OF WIRE )  
CENTERS; ORDER SETTING )  
DEADLINE FOR OBJECTING )  
TO PROPOSED NON- )  
IMPAIRED WIRE CENTERS )**

**TC13-109**

On August 30, 2013, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Petition for Approval of Non-impaired Wire Center Lists Pursuant to the Triennial Review Remand Order (Petition) and a Motion for Expedited Issuance of Protective Order from Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). CenturyLink requested the Commission open an investigation to develop a Commission-approved initial list of non-impaired wire centers pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Triennial Review Remand Order, CC Docket No. 01-338, WC Docket No. 04-313 (rel. February 4, 2005) and SDCL § 49-31-81. CenturyLink also filed a proposed Confidentiality Agreement that it will offer to competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) that want access to the supporting information CenturyLink files.

On September 5, 2013, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of September 20, 2013, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On September 9, 2013, CenturyLink filed its 2013 Additions to Non-Impaired Wire Center Designations with supporting data. On January 27, 2014, the Commission granted CenturyLink's request for a Protective Order. In addition, the Commission deferred further action until CenturyLink filed a South Dakota specific document regarding the processes and procedures for establishment of a list of non-impaired wire centers. On March 10, 2014, CenturyLink filed its South Dakota TRRO Procedures. The matter was re-noticed in the March 13, 2014, PUC Weekly Filing.

At its April 15, 2014, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 U.S.C. §§ 251 and 252. After a discussion with CenturyLink, the Commission unanimously voted to grant CenturyLink's request to adopt its proposed South Dakota TRRO Procedures subject to CenturyLink filing a revised South Dakota TRRO Procedure document incorporating the changes suggested by the Commission. These changes include removing language that references what "Joint CLECs" and "Parties" have agreed to in another proceeding, the removal of section IV(H), and revisions to some citations. Once the revised filing is made, that will commence the Filing Date from which CLECs or any other party will have 30 days to raise objections to CenturyLink's request for approval of a list of non-impaired wire centers. CenturyLink is requesting that Sioux Falls wire center (SXFLSDCO) be designated as a non-impaired Tier 1 wire center for DS1, DS3 Transport, and Dark Fiber and that Rapid City wire centers (RPCYSDCO and RPCYSDOH) be designated as non-impaired Tier 2 wire centers for DS3 Transport and Dark Fiber.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that CenturyLink's proposed South Dakota TRRO Procedures are approved subject to CenturyLink filing a revised South Dakota TRRO Procedure document incorporating the changes suggested by the Commission; and it is further

ORDERED, that CLECs or any other party will have 30 days from the date the revised TRRO Procedures are filed to raise objections to CenturyLink's request for approval of a list of non-impaired wire centers.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of April, 2014.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4.17.14</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner