

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK FOR)
APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF THE UTILIZATION)
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS IN SIOUX)
FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA)

ORDER GRANTING
WAIVER

TC16-051

On July 25, 2016, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) requesting a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No. 99-200, which would allow PA/NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open a new Code of 10,000 consecutive numbers in the 605-404, 605-504, 605-514 or 605-614 NPA in the Sioux Falls Rate Center.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allows state commissions to grant a waiver of the rules if a carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources. The waiver process is referred to as the "safety valve" process.¹

On July 27, 2016, CenturyLink responded to Commission staff's data request. On July 28, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 1, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g(4)).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of August 2, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the waiver of the utilization threshold requirement in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota rate center. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the waiver of utilization threshold requirement in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota rate center is granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 11th day of August, 2016.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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.
By: <u>Karen E. Cramer</u>
Date: <u>8/11/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

¹ In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, paras. 57-66 (rel. Dec. 28, 2001).