

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation
PIDs & PAP
Revision

Case No. PU-13-789

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
November 22, 2013

Under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Qwest Corporation, dba CenturyLink QC, (CenturyLink) is required to provide open access to its networks, facilities and services to other providers of telecommunications services, such as competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs). Measures known as Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) provide specific data about the quality of the open access provided by CenturyLink to other carriers, and a Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) applies specific standards or goals that the performance measures must accomplish.

On September 12, 2013, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of redesigned PIDs and a redesigned PAP. The changes proposed for the North Dakota PIDs and PAP were developed and adopted in a Colorado Public Utilities Commission proceeding and CenturyLink is recommending adoption of the revisions in all other states in which CenturyLink has PIDs and a PAP. CenturyLink proposes a January 1, 2014 effective date for the PIDs and the PAP.

The issue to be considered in this matter is whether the redesigned PIDs and PAP should be approved, and if so, whether all existing interconnection agreements with CenturyLink should be modified to incorporate these revisions, also effective January 1, 2014, without need for further filings or approvals.


The Commission has authority under N.D.C.C. §49-21-09 and N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7(9) to approve or disapprove PID changes. Generally, PID revisions take effect, without Commission action, 60 days after the date they are filed with the Commission, but the Commission has authority to review PIDs at any date before or after the revisions take effect.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by December 24, 2013.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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