

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation  
PIDs & PAP  
Revision

Case No. PU-13-789

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

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**Order**

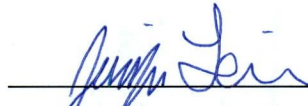

The envelope was addressed as follows:

Jason D. Topp  
Century Link  
200 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 2200  
Minneapolis, MN 55402

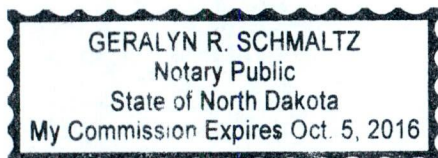
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Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of **January, 2014**.

  
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**December 30, 2013**

**Preliminary Statement**

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.

On November 22, 2013, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (Notice) providing until December 24, 2013 for comments and requests for hearing. No comments or request for hearing were received. The Notice identified the issues to be considered in this matter are 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 Notice stated that, if deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

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.

On December 18, 2013, the Commission held an Informal Hearing to discuss the filing with Qwest Corporation and Commission staff.

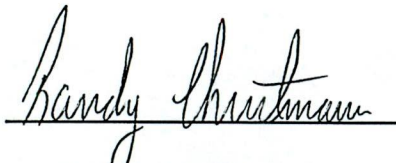
Having allowed all interested persons an opportunity to be heard, and having heard, reviewed, and considered all testimony and evidence presented, the Commission makes the following:

**Order**

The Commission orders:

1. The Performance Assurance Plan revisions and Performance Indicator Definition modifications filed by CenturyLink on September 12, 2013 are approved and effective beginning January 1, 2014.
2. All existing interconnection agreements with CenturyLink are modified to incorporate these revisions, effective January 1, 2014, without need for further filings or approvals.

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**



**Randy Christmann  
Commissioner**



**Brian P. Kalk  
Chairman**



**Julie Fedorchak  
Commissioner**