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Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12th Floor
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**Re: In the Matter of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's PIDs and P
AP Revision**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing are the modified North Dakota CLEC-specific payment and performance reports for January 2014 and An Application Requesting Trade Secret Protection of Confidential Information regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Topp
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Enclosures

cc: Service List

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Application for Trade Secret Protection

Qwest Corporation

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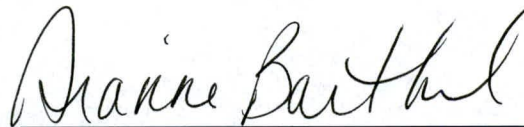
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 28th day of March, 2014, electronic copies of the foregoing modified North Dakota CLEC-specific payment and performance reports for January 2014 and An Application Requesting Trade Secret Protection of Confidential Information were electronically served upon the following party:

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**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Qwest Corporation PIDs & PAP
Revision**

Case No. PU-13-789

**An Application Requesting Trade Secret
Protection of Confidential Information**

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) requests the North Dakota Public Service Commission, pursuant to Chapter 69-02-09 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, to issue a protective order limiting the disclosure of the North Dakota CLEC-specific payment and performance reports that CenturyLink is submitting in this docket.

The North Dakota CLEC-specific payment and performance reports have been appropriately marked.

1. General Description of the Nature of the Information Sought to be Protected.

NORTH DAKOTA CLEC-SPECIFIC PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The North Dakota CLEC-specific payment and performance reports contain information pertaining to individual and specific customers of CenturyLink concerning those customers’ businesses.

2. An Explanation of Why the Information Derives Independent Economic Value, Actual or Potential, From Not Being Generally Known to Other Persons.

The information for which CenturyLink seeks trade secret protection contains information pertaining to individual and specific customers of CenturyLink concerning those

customers' businesses. CenturyLink is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of this information. In addition, the disclosure of this information to the public would violate the confidentiality interests of the CLEC customers themselves without their permission.

This information provides independent economic value, actual or potential, is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable by proper means to, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure.

3. An Explanation of Why the Information is Not Readily Available by Proper Means to Other Parties.

The information at issue is proprietary to CenturyLink and is available only to those employees and representatives who have a need to know the information to perform their duties and responsibilities.

4. The General Description of the Persons or Entities That Would Obtain Economic Value from Disclosure or Use of the Information.

Competitors or potential competitors of CenturyLink that provide local exchange service and other telecommunications service would obtain economic value from disclosure or use of the information.

5. Specific Description of Known Competitors or Competitor's Good and Services that are Pertinent to the Information.

Competitors and potential competitors of CenturyLink in North Dakota include AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, Sprint Communications Company L.P., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and any other provider of telecommunications services in North Dakota or any of the other states in which CenturyLink operates.

6. A Description of the Efforts Used to Maintain the Secrecy of the Information.

See No. 3 above.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2014.

QWEST CORPORATION DBA
CENTURYLINK QC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason D. Topp (bardon)". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'D'.

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