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Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's *Report and Order*<sup>1</sup> requiring eligible telecommunications carriers to re-certify the eligibility of their Lifeline subscribers and to report the results to the Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Administrative Company and to state commission and Tribal governments, CenturyLink hereby submits its 2013 Lifeline re-certification results for the state of North Dakota.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

**1**    **PU-14-79**    Filed: 1/29/2014    Pages: 9  
**ETC Annual Lifeline Certification FCC Form-555**

Qwest Corporation

<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6715-16 ¶ 132 (2012); 47 C.F.R. § 54.416. *Also see* Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 12947 (2013).

**Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form**

All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections  
Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

*Deadline: January 31<sup>st</sup> (Annually)*

ND

State

*(An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provide a certification form for each state in which it provides Lifeline service).*

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CenturyLink Qwest Corporation

Study Area Code(s) (SAC)

ETC Name(s)

CenturyLink, Inc.

CenturyLink QC

Holding Company Name(s)

DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name(s)

Affiliated ETCs *(include names and SACs, attach additional sheets if necessary)*

-See Attached Sheet-

*Provide a list of all ETCs that are affiliated with the reporting ETC. Affiliation shall be determined in accordance with section 3(2) of the Communications Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly) owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47 C.F.R. § 76.1200.*

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate by-laws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification

**Section 1: All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 1- Initial Certification**

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place either to:

A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline or

B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** JMA

**Section 2: All ETCs MUST COMPLETE SECTION 2– Annual Recertification**  
Do not leave empty columns. If an ETC has nothing to report in a column, enter a zero.

A	B	C
Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year	Number of Lines Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to Wireline Resellers	Number of Subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497 that were initially enrolled in current Form 555 calendar year
1390	2	146

Initial the certifications below that apply to your ETC and complete the tables corresponding to the certification below. Depending on the state, BOTH CERTIFICATION A AND B MAY APPLY.

A) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** JMA

D	E	F =D-E	G	H = (F+G)	I
Number of Subscribers ETC Contacted Directly to Recertify Eligibility Through Attestation	Number of Subscribers Responding to ETC Contact	Number of Non-Responding Subscribers	Number of Subscribers Responding That They Are No Longer Eligible	Number of Subscribers De-enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
1170	728	442	0	442	100

**AND/OR**

In the space below, please list the program eligibility data sources, such as ETC access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator or the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and indicate for which qualifying programs (e.g., SNAP, SSI) these sources are used to verify subscriber eligibility. If any of subscribers are subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in columns D through I as appropriate and not in columns J through L.

B) I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to re-certify consumer eligibility by relying on \_\_\_\_\_ . Results are provided in the chart below. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

J	K	L
Number of Subscribers Whose Eligibility was Reviewed By State Administrator ETC Access to Eligibility Data or by USAC	Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Finding of Ineligibility by State Administrator, ETC Access to Eligibility Data or USAC	Number of Subscribers Who De-Enrolled Prior to Recertification Attempt
0	0	0

**OR**

C) I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above. **Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 3: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SECTION 3 –De-enroll percentage**  
**What is the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC?**

<b>M</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>P = N + O</b>	<b>Q = ((P ÷ M) * 100)</b>
<b>Number of Subscribers Claimed on February FCC Form(s) 497</b> <i>(From Column A)</i>	<b>Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of Non-Response or Ineligibility</b> <i>(From Column H)</i>	<b>Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled as a Result of a Finding of Ineligibility</b> <i>(From Column K)</i>	<b>Total Number of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled</b>	<b>Percentage of Subscribers De-Enrolled or Scheduled to be De-Enrolled that were Claimed on the February FCC Form(s) 497</b>
1390	442	0	442	32%

**Section 4: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE APPROPRIATE CHECK BOX; PRE-PAID ETCS MUST COMPLETE ALL OF SECTION 4**

**Is the ETC Pre-Paid?**

Yes  No  *(A Pre-Paid ETC does not assess or collect a monthly fee from its Lifeline subscribers)*

*If yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in column S below.*

**Non-Usage Results Applicable to Pre-Paid ETCS:**

<b>R</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>Month</b>	<b>Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage</b>
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

**Signature Block: ALL ETCS MUST COMPLETE SIGNATURE FIELDS**

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area(s) listed above.

FCC Form 555  
December 2013

Signed,

Jerry M. Allen  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer  
Vice President of Revenues  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer  
Tom Nehls  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Person Completing this Certification Form

Jerry M. Allen  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Officer  
Jan-24-14  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date  
720-578-5324  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number



**Affiliated ETCs**

SAC	Name
330884	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Forestville LLC
331159	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin LLC
351274	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Postville Inc.
535163	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
331155	CenturyLink Telephone USA of Wisconsin LLC
465102	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
401727	CenturyLink CenturyTel of South Arkansas Inc.
442101	Century Link CenturyTel of Lake Dallas Inc.
330895	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Wisconsin LLC
365142	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
401720	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Redfield Inc.
552348	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Nevada (FKA)
330898	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Laresen-Readfield LLC
442084	CenturyLink United Telephone Co of Texas Inc. FKA Embarq
401711	CenturyTel of Mountain Home Inc.
190567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Embarq)
401705	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Arkansas Inc.
230485	CenturyLink MebTel Inc.
485104	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
515108	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
320747	CenturyTel of Central Indiana Inc.
330913	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Monroe County LLC
475103	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
330924	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall LLC
330922	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest
455101	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
230471	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co.-North Carolina(FKA Embarq
330934	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest
230470	CenturyLink Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co FKA Embarq
411317	CenturyLink United Telephone Co-Eastern Kansas (FKA Embarq)
330931	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southern Wisconsin LLC
462208	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Colorado Inc.
341057	CenturyLink Gallatin River Communications LLC
371595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Embarq)
250298	CenturyLink Gulf Telephone Company
280458	CenturyLink CenturyTel of North Mississippi Inc.
310702	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Michigan Inc.
401143	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Russellville
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429786	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
429787	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
330950	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin LLC
429784	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
429785	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC

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SAC	Name
330956	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin LLC
401144	CenturyTel of Mammoth Spring Jacksonville
310689	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Upper Michigan Inc.
330959	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest)
300630	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ohio Inc.
505107	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
160138	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of New Jersey (FKA Embarq)
270423	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Louisiana LLC
411957	CenturyLink-Embarq Missouri Inc (FKA Embarq)
270427	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Chatham LLC
270424	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southeast Louisiana LLC
330970	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northwest)
270431	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana Inc.
310705	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Northern Michigan Inc.
290574	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegdale Inc.
270434	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Evangeline LLC
310671	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan Inc.
270436	CenturyLink CenturyTel of North Louisiana LLC
270439	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ringgold LLC
270440	CenturyLink CenturyTel of East Louisiana LLC
511595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Embarq)
270442	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Southwest Louisiana LLC
290567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Embarq)
259789	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Alabama (Northern and Southern)
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300661	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Ohio FKA Embarq
355141	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
421151	CenturyLink Spectra Communications Group LLC
170209	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania FKA Embarq
361445	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Minnesota Inc.
495105	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
220356	CenturyLink Coastal Utilities Inc.
290552	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Adamsville Inc.
290557	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Claiborne Inc.
320832	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Indiana (FKA Embarq)
361456	CenturyLink - Embarq Minnesota Inc (FKA Embarq)
395145	CenturyLink Qwest Corporation
552223	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)
240506	CenturyLink United Telephone of the Carolinas-SC (FKA Embarq)
522400	CenturyLink United Telephone Co of the Northwest(FKA Embarq)
210341	CenturyLink-Embarq Florida Inc. (FKA Embarq)
492274	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Southwest (New Mexico)
522410	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Cowiche Inc.
522408	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Washington Inc.

