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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

This letter is to inform you that in its continuing efforts to streamline processes and systems across CenturyLink's market, CenturyLink will consolidate its Wholesale Operational Support Systems (OSS) associated with the Access Service Request (ASR) ordering and billing functions. CenturyLink plans to consolidate the current Legacy Qwest ordering and billing systems for ASRs into the existing Legacy CenturyLink systems. The ordering consolidation will convert from the CenturyLink Online Request Application (CORA) to its Electronic Administration & Service Order Exchange (EASE) while the billing consolidation will convert from the Integrated Access Billing System (IABS) to the Communications Data Group (CDG) Carrier Access Billing System (CABS). The conversion is expected to be completed mid-year 2016. A description of this system consolidation is included as Attachment "A" to this letter.

Wholesale customers have been notified of this system modification, and CenturyLink has begun meeting the requirements of the Change Management Process (CMP) detailed in its Interconnection Agreements as well as its merger-related settlement agreements. On April 29, 2015, CenturyLink filed a detailed OSS transition plan in the Change Management Plan forum for CLECs to review and provide comments.

In compliance with CenturyLink's commitments made in the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) proceeding regarding the transfer of control of Qwest Communications International Inc. to CenturyLink,¹ CenturyLink is notifying the Commission of the OSS integration plan. The CMP provides all affected CLECs the opportunity to provide comments, employs third party testing, and ultimately will lead to implementation in mid-2016 after a vote of acceptance. Because of this, there is no specific requirement of the Commission regarding this change.

¹ WC Docket No. 10-110, Appendix C, released March 18, 2011.

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Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information about the CMP forum and how the Commission can participate or track the progress of this consolidation.

Sincerely,

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Kent Blickensderfer
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of May, 2015, the original and seven copies of the attached were served upon the following party:

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Dianne Barthel