

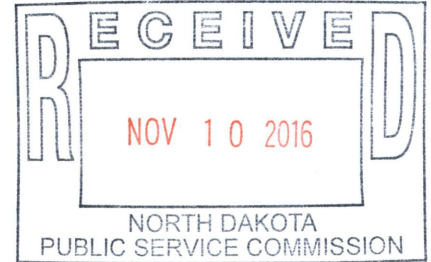
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In re: Public Service Commission v. Qwest Corp.
Case No. PU-15-677

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter please find the original and seven copies of a *Settlement Agreement* between Advocacy Staff and Qwest Corporation which resolves the issues for the hearing scheduled to begin on December 12, 2016. Given the *Settlement Agreement* resolves the issues for hearing, the parties request the currently scheduled hearing be cancelled or, if the Commission deems appropriate, a *Notice of Opportunity for Hearing* on the settlement be issued and/or the hearing on December 12 be held on whether to approve the settlement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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