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

**Re: Public Service Commission v. Qwest Corporation
ND PSC Case No. PU-15-677**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed please find CenturyLink's Monthly Construction Progress Report for November.

CenturyLink is pleased to report that it will complete the installation of fiber by the end of the year. The investment will provide a minimum of 10M/1M broadband capability to approximately 307 customers in the Belfield area. In order to address the service issues in this proceeding, in addition to the fiber, CenturyLink has installed additional electronics that allows this fiber to be utilized for voice and data services.

In addition, CenturyLink has made substantial progress on the four routes slated for rehabilitation. Fairview Cable Route 2 is 100% complete, and the Belfield North Routes are 80% complete, while the remaining routes are 50% complete. However, despite taking all reasonable measures to meet the end of year deadline for completing its rehabilitation project, CenturyLink was unable to complete the project before the end of the construction season.

We anticipate the cable rehabilitation project will continue into 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "KA Blick", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 21st day of December, 2017, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's Monthly Construction Progress Report was served electronically upon the following party:

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**Infrastructure Improvements: Belfield & Fairview, ND
Monthly Construction Progress Report**



Period: November 1, 2017 – November 30, 2017

Case No. PU-15-677

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Project Description

Rehab cable routes and CAF related fiber build for Belfield/Fairview ND.

Milestone	% Complete	Milestone	% Complete
Permits/Easements Belfield Exchange	100% complete	Belfield Exchange -Cutover of existing customers to begin in August.	August cutover deferred to November as work on nodes continues. December to begin cutover.
Fairview (Sidney exchange) Cable Route 2 <i>1. Ca 2 Prs 1-100 a. This cable is 2.5 miles from the Central Office and serves 7 customers</i>	100% complete	One technician in Dickinson (Belfield dispatch area) remains on short term disability since March with limited duty return in August. Return unknown at this time.	As of 12/06, return still unknown.
Rehab Belfield ND – North Routes	80% complete. No changes from October to November. All rehab work stopped due to early weather conditions. Will start again in Spring 2018.	Technician in Dickinson accepted new position to transfer to Wyoming end of August. Replacement position approved. Tech declined the position/move. New requisition pulled.	
Rehab Belfield - South Routes	50% complete. No changes from October. All rehab work stopped due to early winter weather conditions. Will start back in Spring 2018.	Rehab contract splicers routed to Dickinson on chronic copper PSC route (Barb Glick)	100% complete
Belfield CAF - Copper spliced at each node.	100% complete	CAF fiber placement started in Belfield ND	100% complete
Belfield CAF - Turn up of nodes to begin in August	End of October, all but two sites remain to be turned up. All rest have connectivity.	One technician head count added in Sidney (Fairview ND) exchange	

Belfield CAF - Node placement	100% placed with power installed. All 20 total nodes for the build spliced, powered up, and provisioned for test orders.	Fairview Cable Route 1 1. Ca 301 Prs 1-200 a. This cable is 6.6 miles from the Central Office and serves 16 customers	50% complete
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Belfield CAF – Node test orders routed and complete.	Two test orders sent to the field for test of voice and DSL services. Orders failed and working with tech support. Eight test orders successfully completed and closed for in-service sign off. Five market launched offering service.	As of November 6 th , the Fairview ND exchange area 100% staffed. 2 newly hired techs require extensive training to become 100% proficient.	
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Activity for the Month
Comments
Taking some pre-orders from customers. Full marketing to begin when test orders complete and loop qual shows full service availability.

Name	Report Date
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