

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation
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Case No. PU-16-205

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

OCTOBER 5, 2016

On May 23, 2016, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink or the Company) filed an application for trade secret protection pursuant to North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-01 requesting a protective order limiting disclosure of "Trade Secret" information.

CenturyLink's seeks protection for an ICC Model, comprising of knowledge, data and facts collected and recorded by CenturyLink to satisfy mandatory regulatory reporting requirement.

North Dakota Administrative Code Section 69-02-09-03 requires that the Commission staff examine the information and application and make a recommendation to the Commission. Commission Staff has reviewed the request.

In accordance with N.D. Admin. Code Section 69-02-09-02, the trade secret material has been provided in a sealed envelope labeled TRADE SECRET – PRIVATE. The Commission's process provides a means for interested parties to review the protected documents upon signing a nondisclosure agreement. Having reviewed the Company's application and Commission Staff's recommendation, the Commission has determined that the information satisfies the requirements of North Dakota Century Code for protection of information.

ORDER

The Commission Orders the May 23, 2016 application of Qwest Corporation for Protection of Information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

 Randy Christmann Commissioner	 Julie Fedorchak Chairman	 Brian P. Kalk Commissioner
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