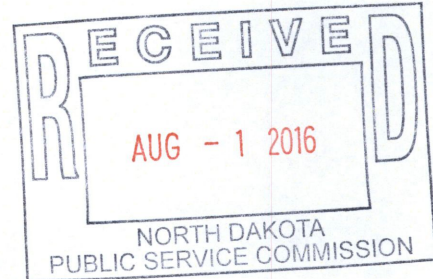


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August 1, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") sworn affidavit to meet its North Dakota Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier filing requirement pursuant to Case No. PU-16-532 of the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year, that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Blickensderfer".

Kent Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosure

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 1st day of August 2016, the original and seven copies of the foregoing Annual Report for Essential Telecommunications Carrier Certification was served upon the following party via electronic email and U.S. Mail

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
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and sent electronically only to the following:

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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF
FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")

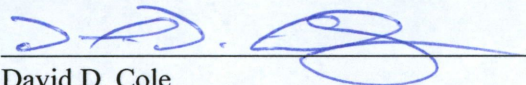
2. I am a corporate officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("North Dakota") authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.

3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 14-58 and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11- 191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided. CenturyLink is certifying its compliance with 47 C.F.R. 54.313(c) at a holding company level, as allowed per the provisions of DA 13-2101 released October 30, 2013.

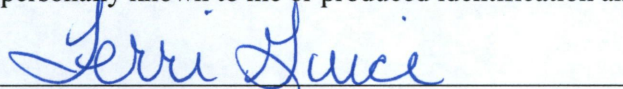
Further affiant sayeth not



David D. Cole
Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller
CenturyLink, Inc.

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 28th day of July, 2016, by David D. Cole as Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



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Printed Name of Notary
My commission expires: At death

