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Mr. Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard Avenue – Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Attached are an original and one copy of the following revisions to the Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC North Dakota Exchange and Network Services Price Schedule No. 1, with a proposed effective date of December 11, 2017.

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This filing proposes to simplify the manner in which local exchange rates and EAS charges are presented. Currently, EAS incremental rates are calculated based on the EAS Chart coordinate assigned for each exchange in the local calling area of a home exchange. The sum of the EAS incremental rates is applied to each line and trunk in addition to the statewide local exchange service rate. With these revisions, the EAS Incremental Rate Charts are deleted, and the sum of the EAS rates that apply for each local calling route will be shown as a single amount. Consequently, the “Chart Coordinates” assigned to each exchange within a home exchange local calling area are being deleted.

The rate presentation is being additionally restructured with no impact on charges as follows: currently, the rates are presented by exchange for all classes of service, with each exchange listed on a separate page. This has resulted in a significant amount of duplicated content. With these revisions, all exchanges for a given class of service are listed together and duplicative information is being eliminated.

None of the proposed revisions impact currently billed rates or the manner in which charges are presented on customer invoices. These changes are solely for the purpose of simplifying the manner in which exchange specific rates are structured and presented in the Price Schedule.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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