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July 27, 2018

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

**Re: Case No. PU-18-284**

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-18-063 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 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Blickensderfer".

Kent Blickensderfer  
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

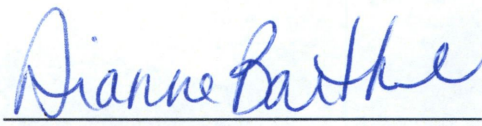
I hereby certify that on this 27th day of July, 2018, the original and seven copies of the sworn affidavit was served upon the following party:

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
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North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF  
FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

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

1. I am the Vice President of Customer Financial Services 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.

Further affiant sayeth not

Jerry M Allen

Jerry M. Allen  
Vice President of Customer Financial Services  
CenturyLink, Inc.

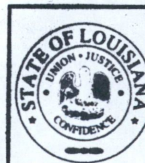
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Acknowledged before me this 23rd day of July 2018, by Jerry M. Allen as Vice President of Customer Financial Services for CenturyLink, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

Amy G. Allred  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary  
My commission expires:

upon death



OFFICIAL SEAL  
AMY G. ALLRED  
NOTARY ID # 58514  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF UNION  
My Commission is for Life