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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 is an original and one copy of a filing in the Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC North Dakota Exchange and Network Services Price Schedule No. 1.

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This filing increases the late payment charge that applies to balances that remain unpaid at the time the customer's next invoice is prepared. Customers were notified in advance of the upcoming rate increase.

The proposed effective date for this filing is February 1, 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Marla.Hazlett@CenturyLink.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS - CONDITIONS OF OFFERING

2.3 PAYMENT FOR SERVICE

2.3.2 PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. Rates and Charges Due

Charges for service and facilities are due in advance. Charges for toll and long distance service are due when the bill for such service is rendered. Failure to receive a bill does not exempt the customer from prompt payment of this account. The customer is held responsible for all charges for exchange service and facilities furnished at the customer's request and for all toll and long distance service if the Company is the billing agent for the long distance provider, including charges for toll messages received at the customer's station or stations on which the charges have been reversed.

B. Late Payment Charge

1. General

A charge at the rate of **\$8.00** or **5.00%** of the entire unpaid balance, whichever is greater, will apply to all billed balances which are not paid by the billing date shown on the next bill. (C)

2. Regulations

- a. Collection procedures and the requirement for a deposit are unaffected by the application of a late payment charge.
- b. The late payment charge does not apply to the following:
 - One-time bills.
 - Final bills.
 - Billed amounts under dispute.
 - Bills rendered or mailed late.
 - First month's bill after a number change.

D. Returned Payment Charge (a.k.a. Returned Check Charge)

A nonrecurring charge will apply for each payment returned by the customer's designated financial institution for reasons such as non-sufficient funds, account closed, payment stopped, etc., in compliance with ND Century Code §6-08.

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