

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation
PIDs & PAP
Revision

Case No. PU-20-087

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

March 18, 2020

Under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Qwest Corporation, dba CenturyLink QC, (CenturyLink) is required to provide open access to its networks, facilities and services to other providers of telecommunications services, such as competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs). Measures known as Performance Indicator Definitions (PIDs) provide specific data about the quality of the open access provided by CenturyLink to other carriers, and a Performance Assurance Plan (PAP) applies specific standards or goals that the performance measures must accomplish.

On February 25, 2020, CenturyLink filed an application with the Commission for approval of amendments to the PIDs and PAP. The proposed amendments were prompted by the Federal Communications Commission's 2019 Forbearance Orders, which eliminate the obligation to provide unbundled analog loops and avoided cost retail discounts to resellers. CenturyLink is requesting, effective May 1, 2020, approval of the amendments and requesting that existing interconnection agreements be modified to incorporate these amendments without the need for further filings or approvals.

The issues to be considered in this matter are:

1. Whether the amended PIDs and PAP should be approved.
2. Whether all existing interconnection agreements with CenturyLink should be modified to incorporate applicable amendments without the need for further filings or approvals.

The Commission has authority under N.D.C.C. §49-21-09 and N.D.C.C. § 49-21-01.7(9) to approve or disapprove PID changes. PID revisions take effect, without Commission action, 60 days after the date they are filed with the Commission, but the Commission has authority to review PIDs at any date before or after the revisions take effect.

Those interested are invited to comment on the application in writing. Persons desiring a hearing must file a written request identifying their interest in the proceeding and the reasons for requesting a hearing. **Comments and requests for hearings must be received by May 4, 2020.** If deemed appropriate, the Commission can determine the matter without a hearing.

For more information contact the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505, 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you require any auxiliary aids or services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials, please notify, Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary, 24 hours in advance.

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