



July 20, 2021

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

Re: Case No. PU-21-216

Dear Mr. Kahl:

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-21-216 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 2022.

Please contact me at (318) 330-6061, Ted Hankins at (318) 338-9416 or Ken Buchan at (318) 362-1538 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shane Tico / barm".

Shane Tico  
Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Lumen

Enclosure

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Affidavit regarding certification of use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Qwest Corporation  
Shane Tico, Lumen

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Monroe, LA 71203

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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 Senior Manager Regulatory Finance of Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent").
2. Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (North Dakota) ("Carrier") which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Parent, I am 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.

Kenneth W. Buchan

Kenneth W. Buchan  
Senior Manager Regulatory Finance  
Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC.

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2021, by Kenneth W. Buchan as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies, 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

