

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Qwest Corporation
PIDs & PAP
Cancellation / Application

Case No. PU-22-20

ORDER ON PROTECTION OF INFORMATION

February 22, 2023

Preliminary Statement

On June 30, 2022, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an Application for Protection of Information to protect certain information in the captioned case.

On January 3, 2023, Staff reviewed the request of Qwest for protection of information.

Discussion

The information for which the Company seeks protection contains the names of specific customers of CenturyLink, the products they have purchased from CenturyLink and the payment amounts related to the Performance Assurance Plan and Performance Indicator Definitions. CenturyLink is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of this information. In addition, the disclosure of this information to the public would violate the confidentiality interests of the CLEC customers themselves without their permission.

The Company states that this information is commercial information because it is “information pertaining to individual and specific customers of CenturyLink concerning those customers’ businesses. CenturyLink is responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of this information. In addition, the disclosure of this information to the public would violate the confidentiality interests of the CLEC customers themselves without their permission.”

The Company further states that the information provides independent economic value, actual or potential, is not generally known to, and not readily ascertainable by proper means to, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure. Such a result could be harmful for the Company’s customers, now and in the future.

The confidentiality of this information has been maintained by Qwest. The information is not disclosed to the public or to persons other than employees or authorized agents who need to know the information to fulfill their responsibilities in connection with the subject matter of the information.

Staff believes that the application satisfies the requirements of the law, which allows the Commission to grant protection of information in this proceeding.

The Commission concludes Qwest's application satisfies the requirements of the North Dakota Century Code for protection of the information, which is the subject of this request.

Order

The Commission orders the June 30, 2022, application of Qwest Corporation, for protection of information is GRANTED.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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Commissioner


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