



July 28, 2026

Mr. Stephen Kahl
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Case No. PU-25-051

Dear Mr. Kahl:

Enclosed for filing is Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") affidavit to meet its North Dakota Annual Eligible Telecommunications Carrier filing requirement pursuant to Case No. PU-25-051 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 an eligible telecommunications carrier for 2026.

Please contact Ken Buchan at (318) 362-1538 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William S. Odom".

William S. Odom
Senior Regulatory Analyst
Lumen

Enclosure

AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST 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.
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 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 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. Carrier does not currently receive Federal High Cost Funds.

Further affiant sayeth not.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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Acknowledged before me this 28th day of July, 2026, 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.

Anthony Brumley
NOTARY PUBLIC
Anthony Brumley
Printed Name of Notary
My commission expires: At Death

