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Via Email Submission
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Ms. Monica Barrios-Sanchez
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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RE: ETC Annual Report and Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 CF.R. §54.314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e) for CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink; CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink; Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Northern Idaho); Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Southern Idaho); and CenturyLink Communications, LLC

Dear Ms. Barrios Sanchez:

This letter is to request that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company ('USAC') and the Federal Communications Commission ('FCC') that the above mentioned CenturyLink companies are eligible to receive federal high-cost support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

Attached please find the signed and notarized affidavit for the CenturyLink companies certifying that they will only use their federal high-cost support received in Idaho for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended.

This state certification for federal support will be an annual process to receive federal support beginning January 1 of each year. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission must file its annual certification on or before October 1 of the previous year.

CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2023 that the above-mentioned CenturyLink companies are eligible to receive federal support for 2024.

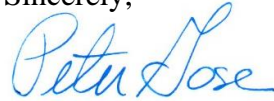
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If you have any questions, please contact me or Ken Buchan at 318-362-1538. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter J. Gose
Regulatory Affairs Director

Attachments



State of Louisiana) CERTIFICATION BY ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
) ss OF COMPLIANCE WITH SERVICE QUALITY AND CUSTOMER
Parish of Ouachita) PROTECTION, ABILITY TO REMAIN FUNCTIONAL IN EMERGENCIES,
 AND USE OF FEDERAL HIGH-COST SUPPORT.

**AFFIDAVIT OF CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK (IDAHO),
CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC. D/B/A CENTURYLINK, QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A
CENTURYLINK QC (NORTHERN IDAHO), QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A
CENTURYLINK QC (SOUTHERN IDAHO), AND CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC
COLLECTIVELY AS ('COMPANIES')**

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission Order No. 29841 requires that Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs) certify that they are compliant with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules; and ETCs must demonstrate the ability to remain functional in emergencies. In addition, the Commission must file an annual certification with the Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that all federal high-cost support provided to ETCs within the State of Idaho will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Accordingly, the undersigned states and verifies under oath the following:

1. I am Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, which is a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent"). Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of the Companies, I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Companies. The Companies are an eligible telecommunications carrier, and they will be receiving federal universal service support under section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in the state of Idaho.
2. I am familiar with the Companies' day-to-day operations in the state of Idaho and with the State's service quality standards and consumer protection rules as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841.
3. The Companies are substantially complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules of the Federal Communications Commission and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.
4. I certify to the Commission that the Companies are able to remain functional in emergencies as set forth in Commission Order No. 29841 and in 47 C.F.R. § 54.202(a)(2).
5. I also certify that all federal universal service support funds received by the Companies during the current calendar year will be used in a manner consistent with section 254(e); that is, for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The company will continue to comply for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, to be eligible for federal universal service fund support.
6. This verification and affidavit is provided to be the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to enable the IPUC to certify to the FCC that federal universal service support received by the eligible carriers in the state will be used in a manner consistent with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

Kenneth W. Buchan
Kenneth W. Buchan, Senior Manager Regulatory Finance

April 26, 2023
Date

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 26th day of April, 2023.

Amy G. Allred
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: upon death

