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Via Email Submission
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Ms. Jan Noriyuki, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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Boise, ID 83714


Re: Case No.: QWE-T-02-08
Application for Approval of Amendment to Interconnection Agreement

Dear Ms. Noriyuki:

Enclosed for filing is an Application for Approval of Amendment to Interconnection Agreement along with the FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications LLC. CenturyLink respectfully requests that this matter be placed on the Commission Decision Meeting Agenda for expedited approval.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding this submission. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Josie G. Addington
Legal Assistant

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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION DBA
CENTURYLINK QC FOR APPROVAL OF AN
AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH LEVEL 3
COMMUNICATIONS LLC PURSUANT TO 47
U.S.C. §252(e)**

CASE NO.: QWE-T-02-08

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
AMENDMENT TO INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) hereby files this Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission on May 22, 2002 under Order No. 29033 (the “Agreement”). The FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (“Amendment”) between CenturyLink and Level 3 Communications LLC (“Level 3 Communications”) is submitted herewith.

This Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations without resort to mediation or arbitration and is submitted for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “Act”).

Section 252(e)(2) of the Act directs that a state Commission may reject an amendment reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the amendment (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this

agreement; or the implementation of such an amendment (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

CenturyLink respectfully submits this Amendment provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Amendment expeditiously. This Amendment is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the State of Idaho, the Commission, the United States Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission. Expeditious approval of this Amendment will enable Level 3 Communications to interconnect with CenturyLink facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

CenturyLink further requests that the Commission approve this Amendment without a hearing. Because this Amendment was reached through voluntary negotiations, it does not raise issues requiring a hearing and does not concern other parties not a party to the negotiations. Expeditious approval would further the public interest.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of May, 2021.

CENTURYLINK



William E. Hendricks, III
Attorney for **Qwest Corporation dba
CenturyLink QC**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

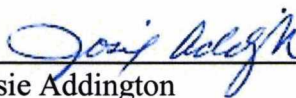
I hereby certify that on this 14th day of May, 2021, I served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

Jan Noriyuki, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission

Via Email:
secretary@puc.idaho.gov

Gary R. Black, Jr.
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Josie Addington

**FCC Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements Amendment
to the Interconnection Agreement between
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC
and
Level 3 Communications LLC
for the State of Idaho**

This is an Amendment (“Amendment”) to the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”), a Colorado corporation, and Level 3 Communications LLC (“CLEC”). CenturyLink and CLEC shall be known jointly as the “Parties”.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties entered into an Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) for service in the state of Idaho which was approved by the Commission on May 22, 2002; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2020, the FCC released Order FCC 20-152, a Report and Order in WC Docket 19-308 for the Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services (“Order”), which became effective February 8, 2021 (“Effective Date of the Order”); and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree that the Order is a change in Applicable Law that, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, must be incorporated through an amendment to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the terms of the Order and consistent with the terms of the Agreement regarding changes in Applicable Law, the Parties desire to amend the Agreement further under the terms and conditions contained herein.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual terms, covenants and conditions contained in this Amendment and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

Amendment Terms

The Agreement is hereby amended by adding terms and conditions to the Agreement for Unbundled Network Elements (UNEs) as set forth in attachments and Exhibit A to this Amendment, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Any capitalized terms not defined specifically in this Amendment are as defined in the Agreement.

Effective Date

This Amendment shall be deemed effective upon approval by the Commission, or by being permitted to go into effect by operation of law; however, the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Amendment upon execution.

Further Amendments

Except as modified herein, the provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Amendment, including the provisions of this sentence, may not be amended, modified or supplemented, and waivers or consents to departures from the provisions

of this Amendment may not be given without the written consent thereto by both Parties' authorized representative. No waiver by any Party of any default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, will be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation, or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

Entire Agreement

The Agreement as amended (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the full and entire understanding and agreement between the Parties with regard to the subjects of the Agreement as amended and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements, or representations by or between the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they relate in any way to the subjects of the Agreement as amended.

The Parties intending to be legally bound have executed this Amendment as of the dates set forth below, in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Level 3 Communications LLC

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC


Gary R. Black Jr (Mar 15, 2021 13:02 MDT)


Kimberly J. Povirk (Mar 15, 2021 15:45 CDT)

Signature

Signature

Gary Black
Name Printed/Typed

Kimberly J. Povirk
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VP Carrier Relations
Title

Sr. Dir. Bus. Ops Wholesale Sales
Title

Mar 15, 2021

Mar 15, 2021

Date

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

1. UNE Loops

- a. UNE DS1 and DS3 Loops. CenturyLink is no longer required to offer UNE DS1 and DS3 loops in counties deemed competitive in the *BDS Order* (Order FCC 19-66, a Report and Order on Remand and Memorandum Opinion and Order in WC Docket Nos. 18-141, et al (the “UNE Transport Order”), corresponding to the associated Serving Wire Centers listed on the Wholesale website: <http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clecs/nta.html>, subject to the following transition periods:
- i. UNE DS1
 1. CLEC may not submit new orders after February 8, 2023.
 2. CLEC may retain its embedded base of UNE DS1 loops (including those ordered in the 24-month new ordering period) in these wire centers at TELRIC rates for 42 months from the Effective Date of the Order. After August 8, 2024, CLEC’s embedded base of UNE DS1 loops in these wire centers will be transitioned to market rates.
 - ii. UNE DS3
 1. CLEC may not submit new orders for UNE DS3 loops in these wire centers after February 8, 2021.
 2. CLEC may retain its embedded base of UNE DS3 loops at TELRIC rates in these wire centers for 36 months from the Effective Date of the Order. On Feb 8, 2024, CLEC’s embedded base of UNE DS3 loops in these wire centers will be transitioned to market rates.
- b. UNE DS0 Loops and Associated Copper Subloops. CenturyLink is no longer required to offer these UNEs in “urbanized area census blocks” (census blocks in areas with 50,000 or more people), corresponding to the associated Serving Wire Centers listed on the Wholesale website: <http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clecs/nta.html>, subject to the following transition periods:
- i. UNE DS0 Loops
 1. CLEC may not submit new orders for UNEs in these wire centers after Feb 8, 2023.
 2. CLEC will retain current pricing for UNE DS0 loops and copper subloops in these wire centers until Feb 8, 2024 (including those ordered in the 24-month new order period). After Feb 8, 2024, CenturyLink may impose a 25% rate increase for any remaining UNE DS0 loops and copper subloops in these wire centers.
 3. CLEC may retain its embedded base of these UNEs (including those ordered in the 24-month new order period) in these wire centers until February 8, 2025. After this date, CenturyLink will be entitled to charge market rates.

4. This transition applies to digital copper loops and two-wire and four-wire copper loops conditioned to transmit digital signals.
- c. Miscellaneous UNE Narrowband Voice-Grade Loops. CenturyLink is no longer required to offer miscellaneous UNE voice-grade loops anywhere, subject to the following transition periods:
- i. CLEC may not submit new orders for miscellaneous UNE voice-grade loops after February 8, 2021.
 - ii. CLEC may retain its embedded base of miscellaneous UNE voice-grade loops until Feb 8, 2024.
 - iii. "Miscellaneous UNE Narrowband Voice-Grade Loops" refer to 64 kbps voice grade channels over fiber loops where CenturyLink has retired copper (which are currently grandfathered) and to the TDM capabilities of hybrid loops.
2. MTE Premises UNE Subloops and NIDs. CenturyLink is not required to offer these UNEs anywhere, subject to the following transition periods:
- a. New Orders. Once the Order is effective, CLEC may not submit new orders for these UNEs.
 - b. Embedded Base. CLEC may retain its embedded base of these UNEs until February 8, 2024. After this date, CenturyLink will be entitled to charge market rates.
 - c. This applies to all NIDs and loop plants between the minimum point of entry at a multiunit premise and the point of demarcation.
3. UNE Dark Fiber Transport. CenturyLink is no longer required to offer UNE Dark Fiber transport on routes where the central office on each end of the route is either a Tier 1 or 2 wire center or within half mile of competitive fiber, subject to the following transition periods:
- a. After February 8, 2021, CLEC may not submit new orders for UNE Dark Fiber Transport on these routes.
 - b. CLEC may retain its embedded base of UNE Dark Fiber Transport on these routes until February 8, 2029. After this date, CenturyLink will be entitled to charge market rates.
 - c. The central offices meeting the new test (*i.e.*, that are within a half mile of competitive fiber) are listed here: <http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clecs/nta.html> .
4. Operations Support Systems (OSS). CenturyLink is no longer required to offer OSS as an independent UNE nationwide, except where necessary to manage other UNEs, for interconnection, or for the number portability database, subject to the transition periods that apply to the corresponding UNEs.

				EAS / Local Traffic Reciprocal Compensation					
Amendment				Bill and Keep			Notes		
				Recurring	Recurring Per Mile	Non-Recurring	REC	REC per Mile	NRC
9.2 Unbundled Loops									
	9.2.3	Digital Capable Loops							
		9.2.3.1	Basic Rate ISDN / xDSL-I Capable			See 9.2.4			
			9.2.3.1.1 Zone 1	\$15.65			##, F		
			9.2.3.1.2 Zone 2	\$23.76			##, F		
			9.2.3.1.3 Zone 3	\$40.50			##, F		
		9.2.3.3	DS1 Capable Loop			See 9.2.5			
			9.2.3.3.1 Zone 1	\$86.48			##, F		
			9.2.3.3.2 Zone 2	\$86.46			##, F		
			9.2.3.3.3 Zone 3	\$99.96			##, F		
		9.2.3.4	DS3 Capable Loop			See 9.2.6			
			9.2.3.4.1 Zone 1	\$941.95			##, F		
			9.2.3.4.2 Zone 2	\$955.04			##, F		
			9.2.3.4.3 Zone 3	\$1,264.56			##, F		
	9.2.5	DS1 Loop Installation Charges		See 9.2.3.3					
		9.2.5.1	Basic Installation						
			9.2.5.1.1 First			\$128.71			B, F
			9.2.5.1.2 Each Additional			\$99.73			B, F
		9.2.5.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
			9.2.5.2.1 First			\$279.37			B, F
			9.2.5.2.2 Each Additional			\$212.57			B, F
		9.2.5.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
			9.2.5.3.1 First			\$316.94			B, F
			9.2.5.3.2 Each Additional			\$222.40			B, F
		9.2.5.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
			9.2.5.4.1 First			\$135.78			B, F
			9.2.5.4.2 Each Additional			\$106.79			B, F
		9.2.5.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
			9.2.5.5.1 First			\$272.24			B, F
			9.2.5.5.2 Each Additional			\$195.68			B, F
	9.2.6	DS3 Loop Installation Charges		See 9.2.3.4					
		9.2.6.1	Basic Installation						
			9.2.6.1.1 First			\$128.71			B, F
			9.2.6.1.2 Each Additional			\$99.73			B, F
		9.2.6.2	Basic Installation with Performance Testing						
			9.2.6.2.1 First			\$279.37			B, F
			9.2.6.2.2 Each Additional			\$212.57			B, F
		9.2.6.3	Coordinated Installation with Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
			9.2.6.3.1 First			\$316.94			B, F
			9.2.6.3.2 Each Additional			\$222.40			B, F
		9.2.6.4	Coordinated Installation without Cooperative Testing / Project Coordinated Installation						
			9.2.6.4.1 First			\$135.78			B, F
			9.2.6.4.2 Each Additional			\$106.79			B, F
		9.2.6.5	Basic Installation with Cooperative Testing						
			9.2.6.5.1 First			\$272.24			B, F
			9.2.6.5.2 Each Additional			\$195.68			B, F
9.3 Subloop									
	9.3.3	Intra-Building Cable Loop, per Pair		\$0.70			F, 1		
		9.3.3.1	No Dispatch, First			\$51.97			F, 1
			9.3.3.2 No Dispatch, Each Additional			\$21.32			F, 1
			9.3.3.3 Dispatch, First			\$98.14			F, 1
			9.3.3.4 Dispatch, Each Additional			\$31.62			F, 1
	9.3.5	MTE Terminal Subloop Access							
		9.3.5.1	Subloop MTE - POI Site Inventory, per Request			\$110.46			F, 1
		9.3.5.2	MTE - POI Rearrangement of Facilities			ICB			F, 3
		9.3.5.3	MTE - POI Construction of New SPOI	ICB			F, 3		
9.5 Network Interface Device (NID)				\$0.51		\$52.76	A, F, 10		B, F
9.6 Unbundled Dedicated Interoffice Transport (UDIT)									
	9.6.7	UDIT DS0 Channel Performance							
		9.6.7.1	DS0 UDIT Low Side Channelization	\$13.10			B, F		
	9.6.11	UDIT Rearrangement							
		9.6.11.1	DS0, Single Office			\$164.40			B, F
		9.6.11.2	DS0, Dual Office			\$206.79			B, F
		9.6.11.3	High Capacity, Single Office			\$221.94			B, F
		9.6.11.4	High Capacity, Dual Office			\$249.30			B, F
	9.6.12	Private Line / Special Access to UDIT Conversion (as is)				\$131.19			F, 12
9.7 Unbundled Dark Fiber (UDF)									
	9.7.1	Initial Records Inquiry (IRI)							

	9.7.1.1	Simple					\$196.02			B, F
	9.7.1.2	Complex					\$251.07			B, F
	9.7.2	Field Verification and Quote Preparation (FVQP)					\$907.28			B, F
	9.7.3	Engineering Verification					\$297.03			B, F
	9.7.4	UDF - Single Strand								
	9.7.4.1	UDF - Interoffice Facility (UDF-IOF) - Single Strand								
	9.7.4.1.1	Order Charge, per First Strand / Route / Order					\$492.60			B, F
	9.7.4.1.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Strand / Route / Order					\$255.66			B, F
	9.7.4.1.3	Fiber Transport, per Strand / Mile	\$50.87						F, 9	
	9.7.4.1.4	Termination, Fixed, per Strand / Office / Termination	\$4.80						B, F	
	9.7.4.1.5	Fiber Cross-Connect (Minimum of 2 Cross-Connects apply), per	\$2.39				\$19.38		B, F	B, F
	9.7.5	UDF - per Pair								
	9.7.5.1	UDF - Interoffice Facility (UDF-IOF) - per Pair								
	9.7.5.1.1	Order Charge, per First Pair / Route / Order					\$492.60			B, F
	9.7.5.1.2	Order Charge, Each Additional Pair / Route / Order					\$255.66			B, F
	9.7.5.1.3	Fiber Transport, per Pair / Mile	\$66.15						B, F	
	9.7.5.1.4	Termination, Fixed, per Pair / Office / Termination	\$7.31						B, F	
	9.7.5.1.5	Fiber Cross-Connect (Minimum of 2 Cross-Connects apply), per Pair	\$4.43				\$19.38		B, F	B, F
	9.7.6	Dark Fiber Splice					\$602.60			B, F
	9.7.7	UDF MTE Subloop		ICB				ICB	F, 3	F, 3
	9.23	UNE Combinations								
	9.23.2.4	EEL Loop, DS3								
	9.23.2.4.1	EEL DS3 Loop Installation								
	9.23.2.4.1.1	First					\$323.61			F, 1
	9.23.2.4.1.2	Each Additional					\$248.51			F, 1
	9.23.2.4.2	DS3 Capable Loop (see rates in 9.2.3.4)								
	9.23.2.4.2.1	Zone 1	\$941.95						F, 15	
	9.23.2.4.2.2	Zone 2	\$955.04						F, 15	
	9.23.2.4.2.3	Zone 3	\$1,264.56						F, 15	
	9.23.2.5	Private Line / Special Access to EEL Conversion (as is)					\$34.50			B, F
	9.23.2.6	EEL Rearrangement								
	9.23.2.6.1	DS0					\$130.83			F, 12
	9.23.2.6.2	High Capacity					\$148.50			F, 12
	9.23.2.7	EEL Transport								
	9.23.2.7.1	DS0 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile) (see rates in 9.6.1)								
	9.23.2.7.1.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$24.67	\$0.29					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.1.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$24.69	\$0.23					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.1.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$24.86	\$0.15					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.1.4	Over 50 Miles	\$24.69	\$0.05					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.2	DS1 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile) (see rates in 9.6.2)								
	9.23.2.7.2.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$36.43	\$3.20					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.2.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$37.26	\$3.19					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.2.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$39.12	\$1.81					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.2.4	Over 50 Miles	\$37.77	\$0.78					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.3	DS3 (Recurring Fixed & per Mile) (see rates in 9.6.3)								
	9.23.2.7.3.1	Over 0 to 8 Miles	\$238.61	\$54.07					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.3.2	Over 8 to 25 Miles	\$242.03	\$16.78					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.3.3	Over 25 to 50 Miles	\$223.90	\$21.34					F, 15	F, 15
	9.23.2.7.3.4	Over 50 Miles	\$235.64	\$14.83					F, 15	F, 15
	9.25	Loop Mux Combination (LMC)								
	9.25.3	Loop Mux, DS1								
	9.25.3.1	LMC DS1 Loop Installation								
	9.25.3.1.1	First					\$285.08			F, 1
	9.25.3.1.2	Each Additional					\$209.98			F, 1
	9.25.3.2	DS1 Capable Loop (see rates in 9.2.3.3)								
	9.25.3.2.1	Zone 1	\$86.48						F, 15	
	9.25.3.2.2	Zone 2	\$86.46						F, 15	
	9.25.3.2.3	Zone 3	\$99.96						F, 15	
	9.25.4	Private Line / Special Access to LMC Conversion (as is)					\$34.50			B, F
	9.25.5	DS0 Channel Performance								
	9.25.5.1	Intentionally Left Blank								
	9.25.5.2	DS1 / DS0 Low Side Channelization	\$7.47						B, F	
	9.25.6	LMC Rearrangement								
	9.25.6.1	DS0					\$130.83			F, 12
	9.25.6.2	High Capacity					\$148.50			F, 12

NOTES:

B	Cost Docket QWE-T-01-11 Order No. 29408 (January 5, 2004) rates effective January 5, 2004.
F	The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") released Order FCC 20-152 on October 28, 2020, a Report and Order in WC Docket 19-308 for the Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services ("Order"), which became effective February 8, 2021, and altered CenturyLink's obligations to provide certain unbundled network elements. As a result, any rate with this footnote attached to it only applies to UNE DS1, DS3 and DS0 Loops, Subloops, Network Interface Device (NID), Dark Fiber and the applicable forborne OSS services according to the terms of this UNE Modernization Forbearance Amendment. Any rate with this footnote is no longer applicable after the following transition periods, consistent with the terms of the above referenced amendment: 1) DS1- new orders not available after February 8, 2023; 2) DS3- new orders not available as of February 8, 2021; 3) DS0- new orders not available after February 8, 2023; 4) UNE Subloops and NIDs- new orders not available as of February 8, 2021; 5) Dark Fiber Transport- new orders not available as of February 8, 2021; and, 6) OSS- subject to the transition periods applicable to the corresponding UNEs. The wire center lists pertaining to this order can be found at: http://www.centurylink.com/wholesale/clec.html .
##	Second Voluntary Rate Reduction, Docket USW-T-00-3, effective 6/7/02. Reductions reflected in the 7/10/02 Exhibit A.

Amendment Exhibit A - 02-05-2021
Idaho

1	TELRIC rates proposed in Cost Docket QWE-1-01-11 testimony filed on November 12, 2003. The case was bifurcated and the rates using this footnote are proposed in Phase 2 of the cost docket.		
3	ICB, Individual Case Basis.		
9	Qwest is voluntarily reducing this rate in order to keep rate relationship with the Fiber Transport "per Pair" rate element.		
12	Rates not addressed in Cost Docket (estimated TELRIC)		
15	Rate was previously ordered for this element in a different section of Exhibit A.		