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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION DBA
CENTURYLINK QC FOR APPROVAL OF THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH CUSTER
TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC. DBA
CUSTERTEL WIRELESS FOR THE STATE OF
IDAHO PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. §252(E)**

CASE NO.:

**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) hereby files this Application for Approval of Interconnection Agreement by and between CenturyLink and Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc.dba CusterTel Wireless for the State of Idaho (“Agreement”). The Agreement with Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc. dba CusterTel Wireless (“CusterTel Wireless”) is submitted herewith.

This Agreement 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 agreement reached through voluntary negotiations only if the Commission finds that: the agreement (or portion(s) thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to this agreement; or the implementation of such an agreement (or portion) is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

CenturyLink respectfully submits that this Agreement provides no basis for either of these findings, and, therefore requests that the Commission approve this Agreement expeditiously. This Agreement 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 Agreement will enable CusterTel Wireless to interconnect with CenturyLink facilities and to provide customers with increased choices among local telecommunications services.

CenturyLink further requests that the Commission approve this Agreement without a hearing. Because this Agreement 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 31st day of May, 2024.

CENTURYLINK



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 31st day of May, 2024, I served or caused to be served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT** upon all parties of record in this matter as follows:

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