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State of Utah Department of Commerce Division of Public Utilities

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MEMORANDUM

- **To:** Public Service Commission
- From: Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: October 02, 2013

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Amended Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Level 3 Communications, LLC per Docket No. 13-049-23.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

EXPLANATION:

On or about September 30, 2013, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed the Amended Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on September 16, 2013 with Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3").

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Level 3 and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed, stayed or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement.

cc: L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Andrea Pierantozzi, VP – Interconnection Services, Level 3 Communications, LLC Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah

