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MEMORANDUM

To: **Public Service Commission**

From: Division of Public Utilities Chris Parker, Director

> Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager Casey J. Coleman, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: December 2, 2013

Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Owest Corporation

dba CenturyLink QC and Granite Telecommunications, LLC per Docket No. 13-049-33.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

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

EXPLANATION:

On or about November 04, 2013, Owest 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 November 1, 2013 with Granite Telecommunications, LLC.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Granite Telecommunications, LLC 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.

L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC cc: Rand Currier, Chief Operating Officer, Granite Telecommunications, LLC Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah Cheryl Murray, Utility Analyst, Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah

