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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: June 11, 2015

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba

CenturyLink QC and Clear Rate Communications, Inc. Docket No. 15-049-08.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Public Service Commission ("Commission") acknowledge the receipt of this Interconnection Agreement.

EXPLANATION:

On or about June 05, 2015, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed the 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 May 19, 2015 with Clear Rate Communications, Inc. ("Clear Rate"). Clear Rate's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was approved by the Commission on June 10, 2015 in Docket No. 15-2581-01.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Clear Rate 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 Interconnection Agreement.

cc: L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Sam H. Namy, Chief Financial Officer, Clear Rate Communications, Inc. Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah Cheryl Murray, Utility Analyst, Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah

