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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: March 24, 2016

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, PAETEC Communications, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, LLC, Docket No. 16-049-04.

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 March 18, 2016, 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 February 22, 2016 with McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, PAETEC Communications, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, LLC.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, PAETEC Communications, LLC, and Windstream NuVox, 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 Interconnection Agreement.

cc: Diane Roth, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
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