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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:** July 27, 2016

**Re:** Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and CenturyLink Communications, LLC, Docket No.16-049-09.

## **RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge):**

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

## **EXPLANATION:**

On or about July 19, 2016, 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 July 05, 2016 with CenturyLink Communications, LLC.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and CenturyLink Communications, 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.

 cc: Diane Roth, Director – Wholesale, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Sarah Nicholls, Director – Network Cost, CenturyLink Communications, LLC Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah Cheryl Murray, Utility Analyst, Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah

