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TO: PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FROM: DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
Chris Parker, Director
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RE: Docket No. 16-049-T01 Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, filing to revise access tariff language and rates to comply with current FCC rules governing inter-carrier compensation in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc (FCC 11-161).

ISSUE:

Qwest corporations d/b/a CenturyLink QC, is filing revisions to its Access Service Tariff for Utah. This access service tariff change is the fifth step in implementing the "Transitional Intrastate Access Service" rate reductions as mandated in the Federal Communications Commission's November 18, 2011 Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, etc. (FCC 11-161).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve New Tariff Changes

The Division reviewed the description of methodology for the tariff calculations for the required access revenue reduction which was targeted to the local switching minutes of use rate element and determined that it was set to the appropriate rate.

The Division agrees that this Tariff change is filed in compliance to the above mentioned FCC Order 11-161, and supports this change and recommends that the tariff be approved and become effective on July 1, 2016.

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