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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: January 11, 2018

Re: In the Matter of Qwest Corporation, dba CenturyLink QC's Request for a Numbering Waiver, per Docket No. 18-049-01.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Waiver

The Division recommends that the Commission approve Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") request for a waiver of threshold requirements and direct Neustar, the Numbering Plan Administrator (PA), to provide a requested blocks of 1,000 sequential numbers to accommodate a request for a CenturyLink customer in the Utah 435/522 NPA St. George Rate Center.

BACKGROUND:

On January 10, 2018, CenturyLink requested a waiver of the threshold requirements based on the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Rules found at 47 C. F.R. § 52. 15(g)(4) and pursuant to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines ("TBPAG") and the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines published by the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC"). CenturyLink had previously submitted a request for the numbers to the PA which was immediately denied based on CenturyLink's Months to Exhaust (MTE) for new numbering requests. The FCC has affirmed that in instances where a carrier has neither the inventory to satisfy a specific customer request, nor the utilization for obtaining more numbers, the State Commission may grant relief to carriers with a "verifiable need due to the carrier's inability to satisfy a specific customer request."¹

¹ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization Implementation of the Local Competition Provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 Telephone Number Portability, 3rd Report and*

This inability can be demonstrated to the State Commission by the carrier providing “documentation of the customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center.”²

REQUEST:

CenturyLink has provided documentation indicating that its customer is requesting 1,000 telephone numbers in the 435 NPA, 522 NNX, St. George Rate Center, which it cannot provide based on its current inventory.

ANALYSIS:

The customer is requesting 1,000 telephone numbers from 435/522 NPA. These telephone numbers are required to service a specific customer of CenturyLink. Without the waiver from the Commission, CenturyLink will be unable to meet the needs of their customer. The issuance of these number blocks will not significantly affect the available number pool in the 435/522 NPA, nor will it affect the exhaust date of the 435/522 NPA. Because of this the Division recommends the Commission should grant the waiver.

cc: Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General
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Order & 2nd order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 & in Docket No. 99-200, Fcc o1-362, 3rd Report & Order ¶61 (2001)

² ID., at ¶64.