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## Division of Public Utilities

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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director  
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**Date:** November 22, 2023

**Re:** **Docket No. 23-049-03**, Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and EarthGrid PBC.

## Recommendation (Acknowledge)

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

## Discussion

On or about November 17, 2023, 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 negotiations on July 21, 2023, and amended on November 17, 2023, with EarthGrid PBC.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and EarthGrid PBC 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,

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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.

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