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Marla Hazlett
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Re: *Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's Proposed Tariff Revisions; Docket No. 23-049-T01*

Dear Ms. Hazlett,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) has reviewed Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's ("CenturyLink") proposed revisions to Page Nos. 136 and 136.1 of its Access Service Tariff Utah ("Tariff"), filed on June 23, 2023 (the "Filing"). CenturyLink submits the Filing in accordance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) amended rules that implement 8YY access charge reform.¹ CenturyLink indicates its proposed Tariff revisions reduce the relevant rates, as required by the FCC's 8YY access charge reform order ("Order"), and requests an effective date of July 1, 2023. CenturyLink did not file its proposed Tariff revisions 30 or more calendar days before the requested effective date as required under Utah Admin. Code R746-405-1(C)(2). In addition, CenturyLink failed to state its proposed tariff sheets do not constitute a violation of state law or PSC rule, pursuant to the requirement of Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D).

The PSC also reviewed the comments of the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed on June 27, 2023. DPU states the proposed revisions appear to comply with the FCC's Order and therefore recommends the PSC approve them, effective July 1, 2023.

The PSC has been flexible over the past few years with CenturyLink's requests to approve its proposed tariff revisions, despite its noncompliance with the

¹ *8YY Access Charge Reform, WC Docket No. 18-156, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 11594, FCC 20-143 (Oct. 9, 2020), as amended in the Erratum (Oct. 30, 2020) and the Second Erratum (Nov. 27, 2020) (8YY Access Charge Reform Order); 85 Fed. Reg. 75894 (Nov. 27, 2020).*

requirement in Utah Admin. Code R746-405-1(C)(2) (the "Tariff Revisions 30-Day Rule")² and the absence of any explanation or good cause shown for CenturyLink's failure to submit tariff revisions no fewer than 30 days before the requested effective date. The PSC has instead reminded CenturyLink of the Tariff Revisions 30-Day Rule numerous times and warned that continued noncompliance could result in either a delay of the effective date of proposed tariff revisions or their rejection.³ The warnings have not had their intended effect.

Based on the PSC's review of CenturyLink's Filing, and DPU's comments and recommendation, and in consideration of CenturyLink's continued noncompliance of our referenced rule without any explanation or good cause shown, the proposed tariff revisions are approved, effective July 23, 2023. The PSC directs CenturyLink to refile clean and redlined tariff sheets reflecting an effective date of July 23, 2023, within ten days of the date of this acknowledgement letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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² Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D), the filing of CenturyLink's proposed tariff sheets shall itself constitute its representation that the revised tariff sheets are consistent with applicable statutes, rules, and orders.

³ Among other things, the Tariff Revisions 30-Day Rule affords the PSC reasonable time to review tariff revision filings and many other filings that are submitted by utilities the PSC regulates which many times also have deadlines.