

July 29, 2022

Via Email:
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Gary Widerburg
Commission Administrator
Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
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Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**RE: Docket No. 22-999-05
2022 Federal ETC Filing
Form 481 – Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (SAC 505107)**

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

On November 18, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. With that Order, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file with the FCC by July 1st of each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

The annual ETC reporting requirements are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC’s rules. For the reporting of the data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422, the FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be utilized by ETCs.

Beginning with the filing due on July 1, 2018 the FCC Form 481 no longer requires that high-cost recipients file information regarding network outages; unfulfilled service requests; the number of complaints received by an ETC per 1,000 subscribers for voice and broadband

services; and pricing for voice and broadband services. The FCC Form 481 also no longer includes certifications for high-cost recipients regarding service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Finally, the FCC centralized filing of the FCC Form 481; ETCs no longer file duplicate copies of FCC Form 481 with the FCC and with states, U.S. Territories, and/or Tribal governments.

These filings are now provided to USAC through their online “E-File” portal and available to the State Commissions.

USAC has provided instructions indicating that: Applicants are required to complete and submit all forms online through USAC’s “E-File” portal at <https://forms.universalservice.org/usaclogin/login.asp>. A Form 481 is required to be submitted through this link. To create an online E-File account, please refer to the instructions on <http://www.usac.org/about/tools/e-file.aspx>

Attached, if required by the state commission, is the Form 481 as filed by CenturyLink with the FCC on or before July 29. Otherwise, the Form 481 is available through the USAC portal as discussed above.

Consistent with past years, we request that you certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by October 1, 2022 in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving Federal high cost support in Utah.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me or Ken Buchan (318-362-1538) if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



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State Government Affairs Director