

**UTAH PSC DOCKET NO. 10-049-16**  
**CENTURYLINK/QWEST ISSUES MATRIX**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>CenturyLink/Qwest Position</b>	<b>Intervenors' Position</b>
1. Whether the Transaction will provide the combined company with the financial strength and greater economic scale and scope to compete in today's telecommunications marketplace and to benefit customers in Utah.	Yes. The merged company will have sufficient cash flow to meet all operating, capital and financial costs, with the remaining cash flow that can be used for further debt repayment and business development. The expected cash flows should provide increased flexibility for ongoing network investments, product development, and retirement of debt. The combination will strengthen Qwest's financial position and make Qwest in Utah stronger than it would have been absent the merger. A stronger company will benefit Utah customers from increased access to broadband and other advanced services.	[Joint CLECs will submit own matrix]
2. Whether the Transaction will result in the Commission having the same regulatory authority over the combined company.	Yes. The Commission will retain exactly the same regulatory authority over the Qwest operating entities in Utah after the merger that it currently possesses. The transaction does not result in any change to the regulatory status and current obligations of Qwest in Utah.	[Joint CLECs will submit own matrix]
3. Whether the Joint CLEC and Level 3 proposed wholesale conditions, or the Department of Defense's proposed conditions, are appropriate or necessary.	No. The proposed conditions are not needed, appropriate or reasonable. The Applicants have made numerous substantial commitments to wholesale customers in Utah through testimony and in the DPU settlement agreement. Some of the substantial commitments addressing CLEC concerns include commitments to maintain Qwest's current OSS for at least 24 months, continuation of Qwest's current PAP, ICA term extensions, and continuation of the CMP for a period of time. The DoD conditions are also not necessary because of the very competitive Utah business services marketplace.	[Joint CLECs will submit own matrix]
4. Whether each individual settlement agreement with the DPU, OCS and SLCAP is reasonable and appropriate and in the public interest, and thus each individual agreement settlement agreement should be approved by the Commission.	Yes. The settlements are reasonable, appropriate and provide considerable benefits to Utah retail and wholesale customers, and thus are in the public interest and should be approved. For example, in Utah, the combined company has agreed to at least \$25 million to broadband investment in Utah, maintain existing measured residential rates through 2011, ensure Lifeline customers will not be impacted from potential rate increases during 2011, periodic integration reporting, and to not seek a waiver of the PSC's service quality metrics for at least two years.	[Joint CLECs will submit own matrix]  The DPU agrees that its settlement with the Joint Applicants is reasonable, appropriate, and in the public interest and should be approved by the Commission.
5. Whether the merger is in the public interest in accordance with Utah Code Ann., §§ 54-4-28-54-4-30, and thus should be approved by the Commission.	Yes, the merger is in the public interest in accordance with Utah Code Ann., §§ 54-4-28-54-4-30, and thus should be approved, for the reasons set forth in the Applicants' testimony and in the various settlement agreements.	[Joint CLECs will submit own matrix]  The DPU agrees that the merger as conditioned and supported by the settlement agreement between the Joint Applicants and the DPU is in the public interest in accordance with the cited statutes and should be approved by the Commission.