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MEMORANDUM

To: **Public Service Commission**

From: Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director

Bill Duncan, Telecommunications / Water Manager

Ron Slusher, Utility Technical Consultant

Date: December 23, 2014

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation dba

CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of Utah, LLC, per Docket No. 14-049-23.

RECOMMENDATION (acknowledge):

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

EXPLANATION:

On or about December 22, 2014, 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 December 12, 2014 with Peerless Network of Utah, LLC ("Peerless"). Peerless's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was approved by the Commission on November 19, 2014 in Docket No. 14-2552-01.

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Peerless 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, 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.



cc: L.T. Christensen, Director – Wholesale Contracts, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Scott Kell, Chief Operating Officer, Peerless Network of Utah, LLC. Justin Jetter, Assistant Attorney General, State of Utah Cheryl Murray, Utility Analyst, Office of Consumer Services, State of Utah