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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: October 16, 2017

Re: Agreement filing in the Matter of the Interconnection Agreement between QWEST CORPORATION dba CenturyLink QC and Cascade Access, LLC dba Reliance Connects Docket No.17-049-13.

RECOMMENDATION (Deny):

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the interconnection agreement in this docket be denied until a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) is applied for and granted to Cascade Access, LLC d/b/a Reliance Connects.

EXPLANATION:

On or about October 12, 2017, 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*. To date, Cascade Access, LLC d/b/a Reliance Connects has not filed with the Public Service Commission a request to obtain a CPCN.

Because Cascade Access, LLC d/b/a Reliance Connects has not filed for a CPCN and does not have permission from the Commission to serve within the State of Utah, the Division recommends that the interconnection agreement in this docket be denied until a CPCN is granted.

cc: Diane Roth, Director – Wholesale, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC
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