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Memorandum

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: December 15, 2022

Re: **Docket No. 22-049-62**, Comments on the Utah Rural Telecom Association's Objection to the Petition of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's Petition for Statewide Exemption from the R746-350-1(b) Carrier of Last Resort Obligation.

Recommendation (Order Scheduling Conference)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") has reviewed the objection filed by Utah Rural Telecom Association on the Petition of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's. Given the magnitude of the decision and the potential complexity of issues that the Division agrees there would be benefits to a formal adjudication on this petition. The Public Service Commission should convert the matter to a formal adjudication and convene a scheduling conference.

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