

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Petition for Statewide Exemption from Carrier of Last Resort Obligation	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 23-049-01</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SCHEDULING ORDER, NOTICE OF HEARING, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING</u></p>
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ISSUED: July 7, 2023

Pursuant to the Notice of Virtual Scheduling Conference issued on June 26, 2023, the Public Service Commission (PSC) held a scheduling conference in this docket on July 6, 2023. Representatives from Qwest Corporation, the Division of Public Utilities, the Office of Consumer Services, the Utah Rural Telecom Association, the PSC, and at least one member of the general public attended. During the scheduling conference, the parties¹ agreed to the following schedule, which the PSC approves and adopts:

ITEM	DEADLINE/DATE/TIME/LOCATION
Direct testimony of applicant	Tuesday, August 1, 2023
Direct testimony of parties other than applicant	Thursday, October 19, 2023
Intervention deadline	Thursday, October 26, 2023
Rebuttal testimony	Thursday, November 16, 2023
Placeholder ² for potentially dispositive motion deadline	Wednesday, November 22, 2023

¹ There are currently no intervenors in this docket.

² The parties have not yet determined whether they will file potentially dispositive motions but have agreed to schedule this placeholder deadline for purposes of such motions. The parties further agreed that if any potentially dispositive motion is filed, any opposition thereto must be filed 14 days thereafter, and any reply in support of the initial filing must be filed 7 days after the opposition filing. If

Scheduling conference II ³	Wednesday, November 29, 2023
Surrebuttal testimony	Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Evidentiary hearing	Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Bldg., 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah <u>NOTE: Parties should reserve Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the event the hearing lasts more than one day.</u>
Public witness hearing	Tuesday, December 12, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Bldg., 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah

DISCOVERY

Discovery turn-around times are: 21 calendar days between August 1, 2023 and through October 19, 2023; 7 calendar days between October 20, 2023 and through November 16, 2023; and best efforts after November 16, 2023. Parties shall serve discovery requests and responses by electronic mail. In the event a document produced in response to a discovery request cannot reasonably be transmitted by electronic mail, the party disclosing the document shall provide an electronic copy of the document on CD (or, if an electronic copy is not available, a paper copy).

a potentially dispositive motion is filed, the parties acknowledged the surrebuttal testimony and hearing dates as currently set forth herein will need to be changed.

³ This scheduling conference will occur only if a potentially dispositive motion is filed; if so, this scheduling conference will establish new deadlines for filing surrebuttal testimony and the final hearing and public witness hearing dates.

MOTIONS AND BRIEFING

All non-dispositive motions shall be filed in conformity with R746-1-301 of the Utah Administrative Code. All potentially dispositive motions and briefing shall be filed in conformity with the applicable rule of the Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, except the page limits (excluding attachments or exhibits) shall be 15 for opening briefs, 10 for opposition briefs, and 10 for reply briefs.

NOTICE OF HEARING

If a potentially dispositive motion is **not** filed, an evidentiary hearing in this docket will be conducted on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.** All parties must have their witnesses in attendance and prepared to testify. **Parties should also reserve Wednesday, December 13, 2023, in the event the hearing lasts more than one day.** Any person desiring to attend this event must show government issued photo identification to be admitted past the building security station. *If a potentially dispositive motion is filed in this docket, a new evidentiary hearing date will be set at a noticed scheduling conference and communicated via notice from the PSC.*

Individuals wishing to participate by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by

telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the hearing, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

Individuals needing accommodations during the hearing should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the hearing.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WITNESS HEARING

If a potentially dispositive motion is **not** filed, the PSC will conduct a Public Witness Hearing in this docket on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah**. The Public Witness Hearing will continue until all present individuals have had a reasonable opportunity to address the PSC. Individuals planning to address the PSC must be present by 5:30 p.m. *If a potentially dispositive motion is filed in this docket, a new public witness hearing date will be set at a noticed scheduling conference and communicated via notice from the PSC.*

The PSC may limit remarks that are unduly repetitious at the Public Witness Hearing. The PSC desires to provide an opportunity for all individuals who desire to speak to do so. As such, the PSC may limit the length of individuals' remarks. Any individual wishing to present a statement of position to the PSC that is unable to do so during the Public Witness Hearing may file a written statement of position with the PSC at its office, Fourth Floor, Heber M. Wells Building, 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake

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City, Utah 84111 in person, by mail, by email to psc@utah.gov, or by facsimile to 801-530-6796. Please indicate that the statement pertains to Docket No. 23-049-01.

Individuals wishing to participate in the Public Witness Hearing by telephone should contact the PSC two days in advance by calling (801) 530-6716 or (toll-free) 1-866-PSC-UTAH (1-866-772-8824) to receive a bridge number and participant passcode. Participants attending by telephone should then call the bridge number five minutes before the Public Witness Hearing, entering the passcode followed by the # sign to ensure participation.

Individuals needing accommodations during the Public Witness Hearing should notify the PSC at 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111, (801) 530-6716, at least three working days prior to the Public Witness Hearing.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, July 7, 2023.

/s/ John Delaney
Presiding Officer

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on July 7, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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