

November 22, 2023

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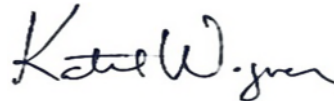
**Re: Docket No. 23-049-01
Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Petition for Statewide
Exemption from Carrier of Last Resort Obligations
Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order**

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Attached for filing please find the Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order regarding the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Katie Wagner
Senior Corporate Counsel

Attachments

cc: Service List

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

<p>In the Matter of</p> <p>QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC</p> <p>Petition for Statewide Exemption from Carrier of Last Resort Obligations</p>	<p>Docket No. 23-049-01</p> <p>Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order</p>
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COMES NOW Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) and submits this Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order as follows:

1. Recently, CenturyLink’s designated witness, David Ziegler, retired from the company, necessitating a change in CenturyLink’s witness lineup. CenturyLink filed rebuttal testimony on November 16, 2023, utilizing its replacement witness.

2. However, CenturyLink’s replacement witness is facing an unavoidable conflict on the existing hearing dates. In light of these circumstances, the parties have agreed to amending the existing Scheduling Order to accommodate the availability of the new CenturyLink witness.

3. Per 54-8b-3(7)(a), this action is required to conclude within 240 days with a statutorily optional deferral of an additional 30 days.

4. CenturyLink’s Petition was filed on June 21, 2023. 240 days from filing would be February 16, 2024, and if needed the additional 30 days permitted would expire on March 17, 2024.

5. The parties have agreed to push back remaining deadlines by at least a month, depending on the Commission’s approval and availability, so that the hearing date falls in mid to late January 2024 rather than mid-December 2023.

6. This Motion is not being made with the intent to hinder or delay this proceeding. This request is being made in the interest of ensuring a fair and thorough proceeding.


7. The parties have conferred and agreed to the proposed amended schedule, subject to Commission approval, is as follows:

ITEM	EXISTING DEADLINE/DATE	PROPOSED DEADLINE/DATE
Placeholder ¹ for potentially dispositive motion deadline	Wednesday, November 22, 2023	December 27, 2023
Scheduling conference II ²	Wednesday, November 29, 2023	Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Surrebuttal testimony	Tuesday, December 5, 2023	Wednesday, January 24, 2024
Evidentiary hearing	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Public witness hearing	Tuesday, December 12, 2023	Wednesday, January 31, 2024 ³
240 days from filing per 54-8b-3(7)(a)	February 16, 2024	February 16, 2024
Additional 30 days 54-8b-3(7)(a)	March 17, 2024	March 17, 2024

8. The parties request pursuant to 54-8b-3(7)(a) that the Commission allow an additional 30 days to complete this docket to the 240 days already required by statute. This additional 30 days is requested to ensure the Commission has sufficient time to issue its order following the proposed hearing date.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of November, 2023.

CENTURYLINK

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¹ 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 a potentially dispositive motion is filed, the parties acknowledge that surrebuttal testimony and hearing dates as currently set forth herein may need to be changed.

² This scheduling conference will occur only if a potentially dispositive motion is filed; if so, this scheduling conference may establish new deadlines for filing surrebuttal testimony and the final hearing and public witness hearing dates.

³ Reserving Feb. 1, 2024, in the event that the hearing lasts more than one day.

Certificate of Service
Docket No. 23-049-01

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order was served by email this 22nd day of November, 2023 on the following:

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