

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC  
Petition for Statewide Exemption from  
Carrier of Last Resort Obligation

DOCKET NO. 23-049-01

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY  
SCHEDULING ORDER, AMENDED  
SCHEDULING ORDER, NOTICE OF  
HEARING, AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
WITNESS HEARING

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ISSUED: November 28, 2023

On July 7, 2023, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Scheduling Order, Notice of Hearing, and Notice of Public Witness Hearing (“Scheduling Order”) in this docket (“Petition”). On November 22, 2023, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) filed an Agreed Motion to Modify Scheduling Order (“Motion”). CenturyLink represents it has had some recent staffing changes and its replacement witness is unavailable on the hearing date established in the Scheduling Order. The Motion thus proposes a new schedule for adjudication of this docket. CenturyLink states it has conferred with the other parties to this docket and all have agreed upon the proposed amended schedule in the Motion, as set forth below.

The Motion also requests an extension pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-3(7)(a). Utah law provides the PSC 240 days from June 21, 2023, the date CenturyLink’s Petition was filed, to approve or deny that petition “except that the [PSC] may by order defer action for an additional 30-day period.”<sup>1</sup> The Motion requests the additional 30-day extension to ensure the PSC has sufficient time after

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<sup>1</sup> Utah Code Ann. § 54-8b-3(7)(a).

the proposed amended hearing date to issue its final order regarding CenturyLink's Petition.

Good cause appearing, and based on CenturyLink's representation that the parties support the Motion, the Motion is granted. The PSC's deadline to issue its final order regarding CenturyLink's Petition shall be March 17, 2024. The amended schedule in this docket is as follows:

AMENDED SCHEDULE

ITEM	DEADLINE/DATE/TIME/LOCATION
Placeholder <sup>2</sup> for potentially dispositive motion deadline	<b>Wednesday, December 27, 2023</b>
Scheduling conference II <sup>3</sup>	<b>Wednesday, January 3, 2024</b>
Surrebuttal testimony	<b>Wednesday, January 24, 2024</b>
Evidentiary hearing	<b>Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Bldg., 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah</b>  <b><u>NOTE: Parties should reserve Thursday, February 1, 2024, in the event the hearing lasts more than one day.</u></b>

<sup>2</sup> 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. 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. The requirements in the Scheduling Order regarding "Motions and Briefing" shall apply to any potentially dispositive motion. In addition, if a potentially dispositive motion is filed, the surrebuttal testimony and hearing dates as currently set forth herein will need to be changed.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

Public witness hearing	<b>Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 5:30 p.m., Fourth Floor Hearing Room 403, Heber M. Wells Bldg., 160 East 300 South, Salt Lake City, Utah</b>
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NOTICE OF HEARING

If a potentially dispositive motion is **not** filed, an evidentiary hearing in this docket will be conducted on **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 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 Thursday, February 1, 2024, 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 **Wednesday, January 31, 2024, 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 City, Utah 84111 in person, by mail, by email to [psc@utah.gov](mailto: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, November 28, 2023.

/s/ John E. Delaney  
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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

I CERTIFY that on November 28, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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