

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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 AMEND
SCHEDULING ORDER TO ALLOW FOR
LIMITED PREHEARING BRIEFS

ISSUED: January 8, 2024

On July 7, 2023, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Scheduling Order, Notice of Hearing, and Notice of Public Witness Hearing in this docket. By Order dated November 28, 2023, that scheduling order was amended pursuant to a motion reflecting an agreement of the parties¹ (the "Amended Scheduling Order"). As reflected in the Amended Scheduling Order, an all-day evidentiary hearing in this docket is set for January 31, 2024.²

On January 4, 2024, OCS filed the instant motion ("Motion") requesting the PSC to allow the Parties to file prehearing briefing. Because of the approaching evidentiary hearing, the Motion also seeks expedited disposition.

According to the Motion, the prehearing briefing will address two important issues of statutory construction and the Parties believe briefing on these purely legal issues will be helpful in this docket. The Motion sets forth the specific issues for the

¹ The parties to this docket are the Office of Consumer Services (OCS), the Division of Public Utilities, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (URTA), and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (collectively, the "Parties"). URTA is the only intervenor in this docket.

² The Amended Scheduling Order also reserves February 1, 2024, for continuation of the evidentiary hearing, if needed.

proposed briefing and outlines additional limitations and a deadline relating to that briefing.

We find that the prehearing briefing as proposed in the Motion, including all limitations set forth therein, could be beneficial in this docket. We further find that because of the timing of the upcoming evidentiary hearing and the Parties' agreement, an expedited ruling on the Motion is appropriate. Accordingly, good cause appearing, and pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-1-401, the Motion is granted. The Parties shall file by **Thursday, January 25, 2024**, their respective prehearing briefing on the issues specifically identified in the Motion, subject to the specific additional limitations set forth in the Motion. All dates set forth in the Amended Scheduling Order remain in effect.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, January 8, 2024.

/s/ John E. Delaney
Presiding Officer

Attest:

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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