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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** November 30, 2023

**Re:** **Docket No. 23-049-14**, Agreement filing in the Matter of the Forbearance Master Services Agreement between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Veracity Networks, LLC.

## Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) acknowledge the receipt of this Forbearance Master Services Agreement.

## Discussion

On or about November 29, 2023, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) filed the Forbearance Master Services Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. This Agreement had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on June 15, 2022, and amended on November 29, 2023, with Veracity Networks, LLC (“Veracity”).

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Agreement between CenturyLink and Veracity and sees no reason to reject it. Specifically, the Division believes that the Agreement was negotiated in good faith and without unfair discrimination. Both parties also recognize that, to the extent that the existing rules are changed, vacated, dismissed,

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stayed, or modified, this Agreement and all contracts adopting all, or part of this Agreement will be amended to reflect such modification or change of the existing rules. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Forbearance Master Services Agreement.

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