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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

Chris Parker, Director
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Date: February 26, 2024

Re: **Docket No. 24-049-02:** Agreement filing in the Matter of the Amended Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of Utah, LLC.

Recommendation (Acknowledgment)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) acknowledge the receipt of this Amended Interconnection Agreement between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Peerless Network of Utah, LLC (Parties).

Discussion

On or about February 22, 2024, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”) filed the Amended Interconnection Agreement per the above-referenced docket in accordance with § 54-8b-2.2(1) (d) of the *Utah Code*. The original Interconnection Agreement between the Parties is pending before the Commission under the same docket

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number and had been fully executed through voluntary negotiations on January 19, 2024, and amended on January 30, 2024, the subject of this filing, with Peerless Network of Utah, LLC (“Peerless”).

The Division has reviewed the above-mentioned Amended Interconnection Agreement between CenturyLink and Peerless 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, 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 Interconnection Agreement.

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