

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

**In the Matter of the Request of Qwest
Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for
Certification Regarding its Use of Federal
Universal Service Support**

TC12-084

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF INFORMATION

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:41, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC

(“CenturyLink”) requests confidential treatment of information as follows:

1. CenturyLink requests confidential protection and treatment of Exhibit 1-6.

The attachment is marked as “Confidential.”

2. The document must be protected for the life of this docket. When the docket is closed, all protected information must be returned to CenturyLink.

3. The person to be notified is Jason Topp, CenturyLink, 200 South Fifth Street, Room 2200, Minneapolis, MN 55402, telephone (651) 312-5364.

4. The claim for protection is based on ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4) and SDCL 37-29-1 (4).

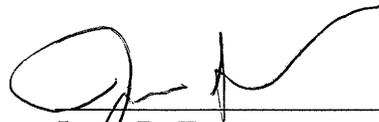
5. The confidential document contains fiber to the node investment data, which is competitively sensitive. All of the confidential information being submitted is viewed as highly proprietary by CenturyLink and is closely guarded to maintain its confidentiality. This data is closely guarded by all carriers offering access services, and if CenturyLink’s confidential information became available to its competitors, they could use such data to

target certain areas of CenturyLink's services and customers to their unfair competitive advantage.

6. The document contains proprietary business information. Disclosure of this document will provide actual and potential competitors with information which could provide them with a unique and unfair competitive advantage. Accordingly, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request for confidential protection and treatment.

Dated this 24th day of August, 2012.

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