

Decision No. R23-0477-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0197T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LUMEN D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC FOR THE
2023 BASIC EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDER IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
G. HARRIS ADAMS
SCHEDULING REMOTE PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: July 25, 2023

I. STATEMENT

A. Procedural Background

1. On April 24, 2023, Lumen, doing business as, CenturyLink QC (Lumen) filed its application for 2023 Basic Emergency Service Provider Improvement Plan (Application). Lumen filed its Application pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1-1000 *et seq.*, and in response to Decision No. C23-0125 filed in Proceeding No. 22R-0122T on February 22, 2023 adopting amendments to 4 CCR 723-2-2143(b) and Decision No. C23-0250-I filed in Proceeding No. 22R-0122T on April 19, 2023, extending the deadline for submission of 2023 improvement plans.

2. By minute entry during the Commission's weekly meeting held on June 7, 2023, this matter was referred to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

3. By Decision No. R23-0412-I, issued June 22, 2023, the parties to the proceeding were established.

4. By Decision No. R23-0455-I, issued July 13, 2023, a prehearing conference was scheduled. At the scheduled time and place the conference was convened. All parties appeared and participated through counsel.

5. The parties report continuing efforts to narrow the scope of the proceeding filed and reach a settlement in sufficient time for the modified scope of improvements to be included in charges to be recovered during 2024. In order to allow the opportunity to efficiently pursue that effort, while minimizing the costs of litigation, an additional prehearing conference will be scheduled, as ordered below.

B. Remote Prehearing Conference

6. It is appropriate to hold a remote prehearing conference in this proceeding. Accordingly, a remote prehearing conference shall be scheduled as ordered below. The remote prehearing conference will be conducted over the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The ALJ or a member of Commission Staff will email the log-in information in advance of the hearing.

7. All parties must appear at the remote prehearing conference. Failure to attend or to participate in the remote prehearing conference is a waiver of any objection to the rulings made, to the procedural schedule established, and to the hearing dates scheduled during the remote prehearing conference.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A remote prehearing conference in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 2, 2023

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Hearing Room B

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from the Administrative Law Judge or Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission¹

2. Nobody should appear in-person for the remote prehearing conference.
3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

¹ Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.