

Decision No. R22-0637-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0356T

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 3165 FILED BY QWEST CORPORATION D.B.A. CENTURYLINK QC TO AMEND THE ESINET TARIFF TO PROVIDE A MORE ROBUST REPORTING TOOL CALLED THE EMERGENCY CALL TRACKING SYSTEM, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2022

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
G. HARRIS ADAMS
GRANTING INTERVENTIONS**

Mailed Date: October 24, 2022

I. STATEMENT

A. Procedural Background

1. On August 15, 2022, Qwest Corporation, doing business as CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) filed Advice Letter No. 3165 with tariff sheets to modify CenturyLink Colo. P.U.C. No. 25 Section 9.2.5, Emergency Reporting Service.

2. By Decision No. C22-0543, issued on September 14, 2022, this matter was referred to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Also, by this Decision, a hearing for the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 3165 was ordered to be scheduled before the ALJ and the effective date of the tariff sheets was suspended until January 14, 2023. Finally, this Decision also ordered that any pleading to intervene in this matter from any person, firm, or corporation desiring to be a party and fully participate in this proceeding must be filed no later than October 14, 2022.

B. Interventions

3. On September 26, 2022, the Boulder Regional Emergency Telephone Service Authority (BRETSA) timely filed their Notice of Intervention as of Right, or in the Alternative, Motion for Permissive Intervention, and Request for Hearing without objection.

4. On September 27, 2022, the Douglas County Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Douglas ETSA) and the El Paso-Teller County Emergency Telephone Service Authority (El Paso 911) (collectively, the Authorities), timely filed their Request for Intervention as of Right or, in the alternative, Permissive Intervention without objection.

5. On September 30, 2022, the Colorado Council of Authorities, Inc. (CCOA) timely filed their Motion to Permissively Intervene. No response was filed. Good cause shown for the unopposed request, it will be granted.

6. On October 10, 2022, the Adams County E-911 Emergency Telephone Service Authority, the Arapahoe County 911 Authority, and the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority (the AAJ Authorities) timely filed their Motion for Permissive Intervention. The AAJ Authorities are governing bodies defined in C.R.S. § 29-11-101(16) and their combined service area includes Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, and Jefferson Counties, but does not include the cities of Aurora, Federal Heights, or Thornton. The Motion explains that, since the AAJ Authorities pay the tariff costs in their jurisdictions, CenturyLink's proposed amendments to the tariff will result in additional costs incurred by the AAJ Authorities. Additionally, the AAJ Authorities explained that the proposed tariff as filed does not include one or more modules that are used extensively by the AAJ Authorities, and they have a specific interest in which modules are offered under the tariff and which are offered outside the tariff. Therefore, the proceeding affects the AAJ Authorities' pecuniary and tangible interests because it may result in increases in

tariff costs and changes to the basic emergency services offered under the tariff and no other party or potential party in this proceeding could adequately represent the AAJ Authorities' interests.

7. AAJ Authorities' Motion demonstrates that this proceeding may substantially affect a pecuniary and/or tangible interest of AAJ Authorities and these interests could not otherwise be adequately represented. Therefore, the ALJ grants AAJ Authorities Motion and allows them to permissively intervene in this proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. The interventions by right of Boulder Regional Emergency Telephone Service Authority's (BRETSA), the Douglas County Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Douglas ETSA), and the El Paso-Teller County Emergency Telephone Service Authority (El Paso 911) (collectively, the Authorities) are noted. The Authorities are parties in this proceeding.

2. Colorado Council of Authorities, Inc.'s (CCOA) Motion to Permissively Intervene filed on September 30, 2022 is granted.

3. Adams County E-911 Emergency Telephone Service Authority, the Arapahoe County 911 Authority, and the Jefferson County Emergency Communications Authority's (the AAJ Authorities) Motion for Permissive Intervention filed on October 10, 2022 is granted.

4. CCOA and the AAJ Authorities are granted intervenor status in this proceeding.

5. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean, Director