

Decision No. C14-0462

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0332T

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC FOR A WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING ITS ANNUAL REPORT.

DECISION GRANTING PETITION

Mailed Date: May 2, 2014
Adopted Date: April 30, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Petition for a Waiver of Certain Requirements Concerning Annual Report (Petition) filed on April 11, 2014, by Qwest Corporation, doing business as CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC). The Petition seeks approval of the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (Settlement Agreement) attached to the Petition as Exhibit 1, and a waiver of prior reporting requirements as set forth in the Settlement Agreement.¹

2. Pursuant to Rules 2006(a) and 2410(b) of the Commission's Rules Regulating Telecommunications Providers, Services, and Products, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-2, the Commission requires regulated telecommunications carriers to file an annual report by April 30 of each year.²

¹ The Settlement Agreement dated April 3, 2014, signed by CenturyLink QC, Staff of the Commission, and the Office of Consumer Counsel is incorporated as Exhibit 1 to this Decision.

² CenturyLink QC filed its annual report on April 30, 2014, in Proceeding No. 14M-0097T. As indicated in the Petition, CenturyLink QC represents that it will file an annual report that complies with the Commission order promptly if the Commission modifies or rejects the Petition and the Settlement Agreement.

3. The Petition seeks approval of the Settlement Agreement, and a waiver of various Commission rules and previous reporting requirements as specified in Paragraph No. 1 in the Settlement Agreement.³ Paragraph No. 1 also serves to identify reporting requirements that will continue, will continue but be presented in a new format, or will be filed only when changes occur; *i.e.*, to specific methodologies or processes.

4. As grounds for its requests, CenturyLink QC submits that because the Settlement Agreement concerns reporting and reports submitted to the Commission, the only parties in interest are the signatories to the Settlement Agreement, which includes CenturyLink QC, Staff of the Commission, and the Office of Consumer Counsel.

5. CenturyLink QC further explains that the Settlement Agreement is unopposed, and because it only involves issues that are of concern to the signing parties, the Petition may therefore be approved in an expedited manner. In order to expedite approval, CenturyLink QC seeks a waiver of the notice and intervention periods in Rule 1206, 4 CCR 723-1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

6. We find good cause to grant the relief requested in the Petition with respect to the Settlement Agreement and the waivers requested in Paragraph No. 1 of the Settlement Agreement. The waivers and modifications to the reporting requirements contained in the Settlement Agreement will improve administrative efficiency, and are therefore in the public interest. We also grant CenturyLink QC's request to waive the notice and intervention periods in Rule 1206, 4 CCR 723-1.

³ The waivers requested are specified in the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in a table that identifies the origin of the requirement.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Petition for a Waiver of Certain Requirements Concerning Annual Report filed on April 11, 2014 by Qwest Corporation, doing business as CenturyLink QC is granted.

2. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Petition, is approved.

3. The 20-day period provided in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 30, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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