

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC )  
FOR DETERMINATION THAT BASIC )  
RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS SERVICES ARE ) DOCKET NO. 70000-1644-TA-17  
COMPETITIVE THROUGHOUT ALL OF ) (RECORD NO. 14742)  
CENTURYLINK QC'S ZONE 2 AND ZONE 3 )  
SERVICES AREAS )

NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
(Issued June 22, 2017)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the *Petition* of Qwest Corporation d/b/a/ CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink QC or the Company) for a determination that residential and business telecommunications services provided throughout Zone 2 and Zone 3 service areas are subject to effective competition and therefore exempt from price regulation by the Commission pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-202, as described more fully below.

1. CenturyLink QC is a telecommunications company as defined by W.S. § 37-15-103(a)(xi). The Company currently provides essential telecommunications services in 29 exchanges throughout Wyoming. Those essential services have not been determined to be subject to effective competition and are therefore currently subject to price regulation by the Commission under W.S. § 37-15-203.

2. On June 6, 2017, CenturyLink QC filed its *Petition* requesting a determination that its basic residential and business services provided throughout Zone 2 and Zone 3 service areas in Wyoming are subject to effective competition and therefore exempt from any regulation by the Commission pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-202. “Zone 2” and “Zone 3” describe the portions of the Company’s service territory that are more distant from population centers and typically less densely populated. The Commission has previously determined that CenturyLink QC’s service in its “Base Rate” and “Zone 1” service areas were subject to effective competition.<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink QC states that it continues to experience loss of retail access lines and customers throughout Wyoming, including Zones 2 and 3 and it faces substantial and increasing competition from other telecommunications service providers using a variety of technologies throughout its service territory in Wyoming.

3. CenturyLink QC states that it faces competition from wireline and wireless telecommunications service providers that offer functionally equivalent services which can be substituted for CenturyLink QC’s services at reasonably comparable prices, terms and conditions in the Zone 2 and 3 service areas of its exchanges.

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 70000-1601-TA-14 (Record No. 13810), *Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law, and Order* issued February 6, 2015.

4. CenturyLink QC is seeking a determination that it faces effective competition in Zone 2 and 3 service areas. in the following Wyoming exchanges: Afton, Buffalo, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Dayton-Ranchester, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Glendo, Glenrock, Green River, Jackson, Kemmerer, Lake, Lander, Laramie, Lusk, Mammoth, Moran, Old Faithful, Powell, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Story, Wheatland and Wright.

5. If the Commission determines that CenturyLink QC's basic residential and business service is subject to effective competition in the Zone 2 and Zone 3 service areas, those services shall no longer be subject to any regulation by the Commission, including quality of service regulation pursuant to W.S. § 37-15-106.

6. This is not a complete description of the *Petition*. CenturyLink QC's *Petition* is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and may be inspected during regular business hours. Copies are available on request.

7. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before July 21, 2017. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner.

8. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Wyoming Public Service Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 70000-1644-TA-17 (Record No. 14742) in communications related to this matter.

Dated: June 22, 2017.

9. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 8 hereof.

10. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 22, 2017.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori L. Brand".

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