Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)	
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Application of)	
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west Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC)	
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For Authority to Discontinue an Open Network)	
Architecture Basic Service Element)	

APPLICATION

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (referred to herein as "CenturyLink") hereby applies for authority to discontinue its Call Event and Management Signaling Service (CEMSS), which it has offered as a Basic Service Element under the Open Network Architecture (ONA) regime. CenturyLink requests authority from the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) to discontinue this service element as of June 1, 2018.

CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink 100 CenturyLink Drive Monroe, LA 71203

¹ In the 2015 USTelecom Forbearance Order, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) forbore from remaining Computer Inquiry requirements, conditioned on carriers following "a process that is identical to the streamlined section 214 discontinuance process[]" when eliminating basic narrowband or other service elements that were available under ONA plans. See Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) from Enforcement of Obsolete ILEC Legacy Regulations That Inhibit Deployment of Next-Generation Networks et al., WC Docket No. 14-192, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 31 FCC Rcd 6157, 6198 ¶ 72 (2015) (2015 USTelecom Forbearance Order). CenturyLink currently offers CEMSS in its legacy Owest ILEC footprint via CenturyLink FCC Tariff No. 11.

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

CenturyLink plans to cease offering CEMSS on June 1, 2018, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue offering CEMSS in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

4. Brief description of the type of services affected

Historically, this service was used by Enhanced Service Providers (ESPs) to provide enhanced services across CenturyLink's local exchange network. Specifically, CEMSS facilitated communications between an ESP's application platform and CenturyLink's Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN)-capable local switches. This results in the ESP being able to provide enhanced call features to customers who are served off of CenturyLink's AIN-capable switches. CenturyLink has no customers for this service.

At the time of its introduction in 2007, CEMSS was classified as a Basic Service Element.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers There are no customers for CEMSS, therefore obviating the need for any customer notice.

6. Dominance of carrier with respect to the service to be discontinued CenturyLink is classified as a dominant carrier with regard to its CEMSS service.

7. Service

CenturyLink has mailed a copy of this application to the Governor and public utility commission of each of the affected states identified in Paragraph 3 above, to any federally-recognized Tribal Nations with authority over the Tribal lands in the geographic areas identified in Paragraph 3 above, as well as to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

- I, Ross Dino, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing APPLICATION to be:
- 1) Filed with the Secretary of the FCC via ECFS (INBOX--NON-DOCKETED FILING);
- Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Governors of the States listed on the attached service list;
- Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Public Utility
 Commissions listed on the attached service list;
- 4) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Regulatory Authorities for the Tribal Nations listed on the attached service list; and
- 5) Served via first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

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