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October 12, 2015

Via E-File

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attention: Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
P.O. Box 1088
Salem, Oregon 97301-1088

Re: OPUC Docket No.: UT-142

Dear Filing Center:

The purpose of this letter is to request Commission approval of the replacement of the Administrator of the Data Distribution Center (DDC). Under the above referenced docket, the Commission appointed the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (OECA) as Administrator of the DDC. We anticipate that OECA will be dissolved by the end of this year. Therefore, it is now appropriate for OECA to be replaced as Administrator of the DDC.

Enclosed as Exhibit 1 is the agreement between CenturyLink, Frontier and Craig Phillips. The Agreement establishes Craig Phillips, CPA, as the Administrator of the DDC in place of OECA.

Enclosed as Exhibit 2 is an amendment to the DDC Agreement. The DDC Agreement was previously approved by the Commission.

With that background, CenturyLink and Frontier request this matter be placed on the Consent Agenda in November 2015, with approval of the agreement set forth as Exhibit 1 and the amendment set forth in Exhibit 2.

The approvals will release OECA from any and all obligations it may have as Administrator of the DDC and will appoint Mr. Phillips as Administrator under the Industry Plan related to the DDC. This new arrangement will not result in any changes to the functions that are currently provided through OECA. Mr. Phillips has been Administrator of OECA since 1986. Among his functions as Administrator of OECA, Mr. Phillips has been designated by OECA to perform OECA's responsibilities as DDC Administrator as delegated to OECA by the Commission in the above docket.

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If you have any questions, Mr. Reynolds can be reached at (206) 345-1568 or Ms. Willer can be reached at (503) 645-7909.

Sincerely,



Mark Reynolds, Vice President, Regional
Regulatory & Legislative Affairs
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Renee Willer, Regulatory & External Affairs
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AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is entered into by and among Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC and United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CTL”), Frontier Northwest Incorporated (“FTR”), and Craig Phillips, CPA (“Phillips”) to be effective the 1st day of December, 2015. CTL, FTR, and Phillips may also be collectively referred to as “the Parties.”

RECITALS

1. **WHEREAS**, FTR is the successor in interest to Verizon Northwest, Incorporated; and
2. **WHEREAS**, in approximately 1996, the Data Distribution Center (“DDC”) was created in the State of Washington to allow what was then known as GTE Northwest Incorporated and US WEST Communications, Inc. (now CTL) to perform as primary toll carriers (“PTCs”) in Washington through the exchange of certain records related to intraLATA toll; and
3. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Agreement Concerning Operation of Washington Data Distribution Center, dated May 16, 1996, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (“WECA”) was designated to perform functions as administrator for the DDC, which agreement was approved by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the GTENW Consolidated Dockets, UT-921462, UT-921463, UT-921464 and UT-921465; and
4. **WHEREAS**, in approximately 2001 the DDC was created in the State of Oregon to allow CTL and FTR to perform as PTCs in the State of Oregon through the exchange of certain records related to intraLATA toll; and
5. **WHEREAS**, in Docket UT-142, Order No. 99-198, the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (“OECA”) was designated by the Oregon Public Utility Commission to be the administrator of the DDC; and
6. **WHEREAS**, CTL, FTR (through its predecessor) and OECA entered into an agreement for the administration of the DDC, which agreement was approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Docket No. UT-142; and
7. **WHEREAS**, CTL recently ceased being the designated toll carrier in Oregon (and is no longer the designated carrier in Washington), however, both CTL and FTR will continue to act as a PTC and provide intraLATA toll services such that the continued operation of the DDC is beneficial in order to most efficiently exchange such traffic and records associated with the traffic;
8. **WHEREAS**, OECA, CTL and FTR have entered into an Amendment to the Agreement Concerning the Operation of the Oregon DDC, executed October 14, 2015, to replace OECA with Phillips as the DDC Administrator;

9. **WHEREAS**, WECA, CTL and FTR have entered into an Amendment to the Agreement Concerning the Operation of the Washington DDC, executed October 14, 2015, to replace WECA with Phillips as the DDC Administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. The recitals are agreed to be material provisions of this Agreement and are hereby incorporated herein.
2. With OECA being phased-out of business and WECA is seeking to no longer act as the Administrator of the DDC, the Parties agree that Phillips will become the Administrator of the DDC for both Washington and Oregon at the time that WECA and OECA cease performing that function.
3. Unless otherwise stated herein, in all other respects the documents and agreements related to the DDC shall remain in full force and effect.
4. The Parties agree that Phillips' compensation for performing the duties of Administrator of the DDC will be \$1,000 per month for Washington and \$1,000 per month for Oregon. Charges will be allocated to CTL and FTR based on the percent of records submitted to the DDC by each company, as documented in DDC Report 8 monthly. Phillips' compensation may be increased by up to 2.5% annually on the anniversary of the effective date of this Agreement. Charges for any extraordinary services beyond the normal monthly and quarterly services would be charged at \$150 per hour. This could include charges for participating in UTC/OPUC hearings, dockets or other changes to the current operating arrangement. Whenever possible, advance notice of these extraordinary services will be provided to CTL and FTR.
5. The Parties understand and agree that, should a party determine that the charges incurred by a Party for operation of the DDC exceed that which a Party finds to be economically reasonable or other provisions of the documents and agreements related to the DDC result in an undue administrative burden to a Party, the Parties will either renegotiate any such terms and incorporate them through an amendment to this Agreement or a Party may terminate its participation in this Agreement, subject to Washington and Oregon Commission approval. In such a case, CTL and FTR will provide at least 90 days advance written notice to Phillips. The foregoing provisions of this Section 5 apply only to this Agreement and do not apply to the Agreement Concerning Operation of Washington Data Distribution Center.
6. The Parties further understand and agree that, should Phillips determine he no longer wishes to be the Administrator of the DDC, he will provide at least ninety (90) days advance written notice of such desire to CTL, FTR, the WECA and OCEA member companies; and this Agreement will terminate on the same date as the effective date of the notice provided by Phillips.

- 7. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, all of which, taken together, shall comprise one and the same agreement. Any signature to this Amendment transmitted among the parties by means of facsimile transmission or in .pdf format as an e-mail attachment shall have the same effect as an original signature.

Entered into to be effective on the date set forth above.

**QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK
QC**

CRAIG J. PHILLIPS, CPA

By: Mark S. Reynolds

Mark S. Reynolds
Vice President, Regional Regulatory &
Legislative Affairs

Date: _____

Date: 10-14-2015

**UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE
NORTHWEST, D/B/A CENTURYLINK**

FRONTIER NORTHWEST INCORPORATED

By: Mark S. Reynolds

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Date: 10/12/15

Date: _____

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Mark S. Reynolds
Vice President, Regional Regulatory &
Legislative Affairs

By: *Renee Miller*
Its: *Authorized Representative*
Date: *10-12-15*

Date: _____

**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT
CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE
OREGON DATA DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

THIS AMENDMENT (the “Amendment”) **IS TO THE AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF THE OREGON DATA DISTRIBUTION CENTER** (“Agreement”) and is entered into this 14 day of October, 2015 by and among the Oregon Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (“OECA”), Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC¹ and United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively “CTL”), Frontier Northwest Incorporated (“FTR”)² and Craig J. Phillips, CPA (“Phillips”).

RECITALS

1. OECA, CTL and FTR entered into the Agreement on or about the 21st day of December, 1997, as amended in September of 2001, to set out various responsibilities for the operation of the Data Distribution Center (“DDC”).
2. OECA is terminating its involvement as Administrator of the DDC.
3. OECA's role as Administrator is being transferred to Phillips.
4. The purpose of the Amendment is to recognize the transfer of administrator responsibilities from OECA to Phillips.

AGREEMENT

1. The reference to OECA under the Agreement shall remain in effect, except as set forth in this Amendment and those provisions that should survive termination shall survive termination of OECA's participation as Administrator.
2. Articles 3, 4, 5, 8, and Sections 9.3, 9.5, 13.3 and 15.1 shall be deemed amended to substitute Phillips for OECA in those provisions.
3. In Paragraph 13.1 in the Agreement, Phillips is added as an indemnitee.
4. Any reference to the terms “OECA member” or “member of OECA” or similar phrase refers to members of OECA as of January 1, 2015.


¹ Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC is successor to U S West Communications, Inc.

² Frontier Northwest Incorporated is successor to GTE Northwest Incorporated.

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**OREGON EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION,
INC.**

By: 
Nick Schneider
Chairman

Date: 10/12/15

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By: _____
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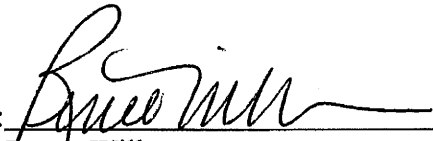
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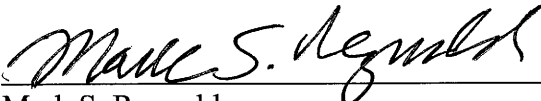
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