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Re: UX 28

Dear:

Enclosed for filing in the above entitled matter please find an original and (5) copies of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC's Petition to Modify Conditions For Default Provision of Intralata Toll to End Users Located Within Certain Local Exchange Carrier Service Territories, along with a certificate of service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carla".

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cc: Service List

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UX 28

In the Matter of QWEST
CORPORATION'S Petition to Exempt
from Regulation Qwest's IntraLATA Toll
Service, Operator Service Charges, and 800
Service Line Option.

PETITION TO MODIFY CONDITIONS FOR
DEFAULT PROVISION OF INTRALATA
TOLL TO END USERS LOCATED WITHIN
CERTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER
SERVICE TERRITORIES

PETITION OF QWEST CORPORATION

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink QC") hereby petitions the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Commission") for a limited removal of the conditions imposed in conjunction with the deregulation of intraLATA toll service in this docket, under Order No. 03-609. CenturyLink QC requests that the Commission review this Petition on an expedited basis and approve the removal of the specified conditions, effective January 1, 2015.

BACKGROUND

On May 10, 2002, Qwest Corporation filed, pursuant to ORS 759.030, a petition to exempt intraLATA toll (and other services) from regulation. Staff and Qwest entered into a stipulation to permit deregulation of intraLATA toll, subject to seven conditions, and filed the stipulation on February 26, 2002 ("Stipulation"). The conditions in the Stipulation required that: (1) Qwest's intraLATA toll service would be subject to a price floor; (2) Qwest would notify the Commission and its customers of any price changes; (3) Qwest would remain the designated carrier (carrier of last resort), as described in Order No. 93-1133; (4) Qwest would offer a default

option in each exchange where Qwest provides intraLATA toll service; (5) Qwest would maintain ubiquitous toll network quality, to reinforce network capacity where and when it is needed, to coordinate with connecting local exchange carriers, to continue to provide toll operator and directory assistance services to rural carriers in Oregon on a wholesale basis, and to maintain service quality in compliance with Commission standards; (6) Qwest would provide certain reports for the year 2002; and (7) Qwest would not deaverage intraLATA toll rates without prior Commission approval. *See* Order No. 03-609, at p. 3.

DISCUSSION

This Petition seeks only the waiver of the conditions as they pertain to the provision of intraLATA toll service to certain rural ILECs in Oregon.¹ Specifically, CenturyLink QC seeks a waiver of conditions 3 and 4 and only as they pertain to the provision of intraLATA toll services to customers served in the exchanges of the Oregon rural ILECs. CenturyLink QC intends to continue to provide service to its own local service customers in accordance with Order No. 03-609. However, because of declining revenues and lack of profitability, CenturyLink QC wishes

¹ CenturyLink QC would cease to provide service to the following companies: Beaver Creek Cooperative Tel. Co., Canby Telephone Association, Cascade Utilities, Inc., CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, inc., CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., Clear Creek Mutual Telephone Co., Colton Telephone Company, Frontier, Gervais Telephone Company, Helix Telephone Company, Home Telephone Company, Molalla Telephone Company, Monitor Cooperative Telephone Company, Monroe Telephone company, Mt. Angel Telephone Company, Nehalem Telecommunications, Inc., North-State Telephone Company, Oregon Telephone Corporation, Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc., Peoples Telephone Company, Pine Telephone System, Inc., Pioneer Telephone Cooperative, Roome Telecommunications, Inc., Scio Mutual Telephone Association, St. Paul Cooperative Tel. Assoc., Stayton Cooperative Telephone Company, Trans-Cascade Telephone Company ("Oregon rural ILECs"). Some of the rural ILECs that CenturyLink QC serves out of its Oregon area are also located across the border in Washington. However, CenturyLink QC is no longer a provider of intraLATA toll service to any ILECs in Washington and no approval is required in Washington.

to discontinue providing intraLATA toll service to customers in exchanges served by the Oregon rural ILECs.

Removing Conditions 3 and 4 will not harm the Oregon rural ILEC customers that currently receive intraLATA toll service from CenturyLink. CenturyLink QC has conferred with the Oregon rural ILECs regarding this transition to ensure that the end-user customers in the affected exchanges are notified that their current underlying intraLATA toll carrier, CenturyLink QC (PIC 0000), will no longer provide service. While CenturyLink would discontinue service, the intraLATA toll market is highly competitive and there are alternative providers from which customers can choose.

In order to ensure the Oregon rural ILEC customers are informed, CenturyLink QC has drafted a customer notification letter (see Attachment 1) that will be sent to the customers in the areas served by Oregon rural ILECs that utilize CenturyLink QC's intraLATA toll service. The letter provides instructions regarding how to select a new intraLATA toll provider, as well as a list of providers available for them to choose.

The Oregon rural ILECs do not object to CenturyLink QC's proposal to cease providing intraLATA toll service to the customers in areas served by rural ILECs, subject to CenturyLink QC agreeing to reimburse each Oregon rural ILEC the cost of printing, processing and mailing the customer notice plus the PIC change charge revenue from waiving those charges for customers now served by CenturyLink QC, when it is not reimbursed by the customer's new long distance provider.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

CenturyLink QC respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Petition, on an expedited basis, by September 30, 2014 so that, effective January 1, 2015, CenturyLink can cease providing intraLATA toll service to customers of the Oregon rural ILECs that currently purchase the service from CenturyLink QC. The September 30, 2014 date is chosen in order that notice be provided to customers and they be given sufficient time to choose new long distance providers prior to January 1, 2015.²

DATED this 20th day of August, 2014.

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² Following approval of this Petition, CenturyLink intends to file a petition with the Federal Communications Commission for authorization to discontinue interstate intraLATA long distance services to the affected customers.

++Oregon RLEC's Letterhead (with complete address)

CenturyLink's Notice of Intent to Discontinue Offering Local Long Distance Service to **OR RLEC's Customers**

(Date), 2014

<Bill Name Line 1>
<Bill Address Line 1>
<Bill City>, < Bill State> < Bill Zip>

Re: Phone number <Phone Num>

Dear Customer:

This letter is being sent to you on behalf of Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC. CenturyLink QC will be withdrawing as a long distance toll provider in this area, effective January 1, 2015, subject to approval by the Federal Communications Commission. The Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has approved this withdrawal by CenturyLink. **Therefore, you must select another long distance provider by January 1, 2015.**

Local long distance service refers to long distance calls within the Eugene, OR local long distance calling area. Please see the attached map. For instance, calls from Eugene, OR to Ashland, OR are considered local long distance. Other calls, including calls to Portland, OR, or out-of-state calls, are carried by another long distance toll carrier (which may be an affiliate of CenturyLink QC), or you may have selected to not have a carrier for those types of long distance calls.

Attached is a list of telephone companies, including contact information, which provide local long distance services in your local long distance calling area. Please review the attached list and contact these companies individually if you wish to compare their local long distance calling plans and rates. Once you have selected a new local long distance provider, **please contact OR RLEC at 1-8XX-XXXX with your choice. There will be no charge to transfer your service.**

If **OR RLEC** does not receive your selection of a new local long distance provider by January 1, 2015, it will assign the other long distance provider on your account (the one used for calling Portland or out-of-state) as your local long distance provider. If you do not have another long distance provider, you will be assigned to another provider on a random assignment basis.

If you have a preferred carrier freeze (PIC freeze) on your account¹, it will be removed for this one change and then will be reinstated.

¹ A PIC freeze is a request that would have been made by you previously, to ensure that your long distance provider was never changed without your authorization.

Attachment 1

This change in local long distance providers will not affect any other services you receive from **OR RLEC**.

If you have any questions about this letter or the selection process, please contact us at **1-8XX-XXXX**.

The following statement is required by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC):

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Thank you for doing business with **OR RLEC**.

Attachments: Map showing Oregon Local Long Distance Calling Areas (attachment 2) List of Telephone Companies which provide Local Long Distance Toll (attachment 3)

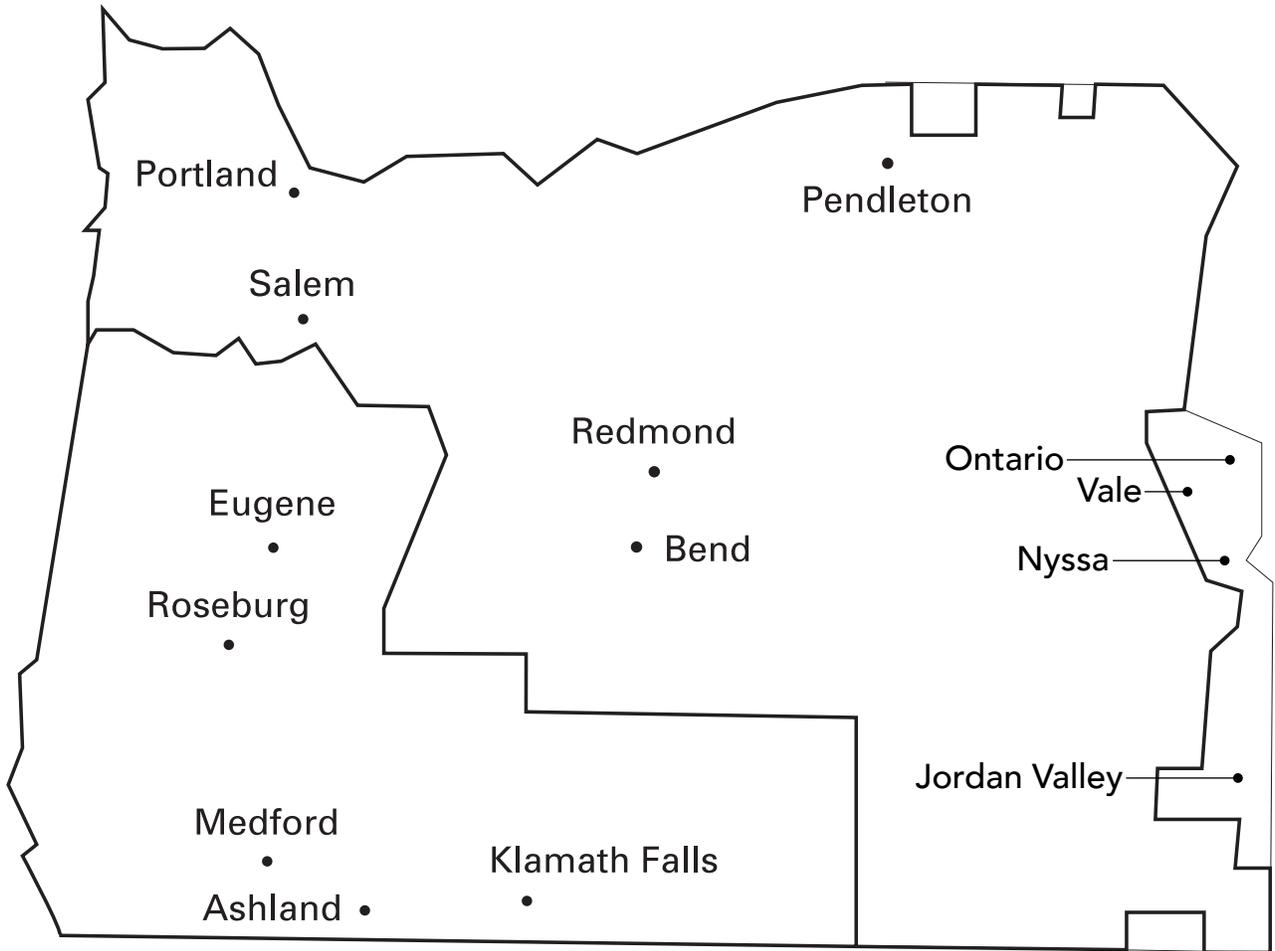
Alternate paragraph for the Portland LATA:

Local long distance service refers to long distance calls within the Portland, OR local long distance calling area. Please see the attached map. For instance, calls from Portland, OR to Bend, OR are considered local long distance. Other calls, including calls to Eugene, OR, or out-of-state calls, are carried by another long distance toll carrier (which may be an affiliate of CenturyLink QC), or you may have selected to not have a carrier for those types of long distance calls.

Attachment 1

Alternate paragraph for the Boise LATA (OR-ID Utilities is in that LATA):

Local long distance service refers to long distance calls within the southeast Oregon local long distance calling area. Please see the attached map. For instance, calls from Jordan Valley, OR to Vale, OR, or to Boise, Idaho are considered local long distance. Other calls, including calls to Portland, OR, or out-of-state calls to states other than southern Idaho, are carried by another long distance toll carrier (which may be an affiliate of CenturyLink QC), or you may have selected to not have a carrier for those types of long distance calls.



Oregon Local Long Distance Calling Areas

Oregon ILEC's Letterhead

Telephone Companies Which Offer Local Long Distance Service in Oregon:

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| Working Assets | 1-800-788-0898 |
| TDS Telecom | 1-888-225-5837 |
| Sprint Communications Company, LP | 1-800-877-4646 |
| MCI Communications Services, Inc | 1-800-444-3333 |
| Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc. | 1-800-219-6993 |
| Excel | 1-800-871-0999 |
| Clear Choice Communications | 1-800-668-4872 |
| AT&T Communications | 1-800-288-2747 |
| AG Communications | 1-618-488-2164 |

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on the 20th day of August 2014, I served the foregoing **QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK QC'S PETITION TO MODIFY CONDITIONS FOR DEFAULT PROVISION OF INTRALATA TOLL TO END USERS LOCATED WITHIN CERTAIN LOCAL EXCHANGE CARRIER SERVICE TERRITORIES** in the above entitled docket on the following persons via e-mail transmission at the email addresses shown below

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