



June 23, 2017

Advice No. C29-2017

The Honorable Susan Ackerman, Stephen Bloom and John Savage, Commissioners  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
P. O. Box 1088  
Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Attention: Joan Grindeland

Dear Commissioners Ackerman, Bloom and Savage:

Pursuant to ORS 759.250, Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC is filing notification of a Special Contract for ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS). CenturyLink believes that ISDN PRI is competitive and that the Special Contract pricing is in accordance with the provisions of ORS 759.250. Supporting documentation is attached.

Due to the competitive nature of this Special Contract, the information provided in Attachment C contains commercially valuable information and/or trade secrets and is submitted to Staff in confidence pursuant to ORS 192.501 and ORS 192.502. We understand that you will notify us prior to release of any such information in sufficient time to seek a protective order from the Commission or to otherwise preserve its confidentiality.

We enclose one complete copy of the contract and amendment which contains confidential information for staff review. As provided by the provisions of ORS 759.250(6), CenturyLink requests this information not be publicly disclosed. Confidential information has been removed from the additional copies included in this filing for public disclosure.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this filing to me at (318) 360-2812.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Lyn Rivers".

Michelle "Chelle" Lyn Rivers

Cc: Phil Grate, CenturyLink  
Attachments

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CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY #NSP257726  
CONTRACT SUMMARY

**Type Of Agreement:** New Request:  X  Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Addition: \_\_\_\_\_

**Term Of Agreement:** The term of the contract is 12 months

**Effective Date:** April 20, 2017

**ISDN PRIMARY RATE SERVICE (PRS)**

**Service Description:**

ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) is a digital four-wire full duplex transmission path between ISDN-compatible Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and an ISDN-equipped central office.

**Description of Offer:**

Customer receives a price discount in Oregon for the business service noted above. All other terms and conditions of this contract are offered in accordance with the Oregon QC Exchange and Network Services Price List.

**Unit Price:**

<b>Service:</b>	<b>ISDN Primary Rate</b>
Number of Arrangements:	1
Monthly Unit Price:	\$350.00

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I. CONTRACT ANALYSIS

- a. Please provide the rationale and justification for creating a special class of service. The rationale must include a discussion as to why no previously approved class of service (contract or tariff) is acceptable to the Customer for whom the utility proposes a special class of service. Determination of a special class of service must be based on the following:

The quantity of service used, the time when used, the purpose for which used, the existence of price competition or a service alternative, the services being provided, the conditions of service, or any other reasonable consideration.

Answer:

Current tariffs for services included in the contract do not provide pricing recognizing this customer's volume of service and commitment to retain service across CenturyLink's territory. The total volume of facilities being ordered by the customer justifies going beyond the standard terms offered in the tariff for similar services. Competitive alternatives such as resale of CenturyLink QC service are available to customers.

- b. The number of similarly situated Customers who should receive the same terms and conditions. Also, include the number of billing units for those Customers.

Answer:

All similarly situated customers should receive the same terms and conditions.

- c. If there are other similarly situated Customers who should not receive the same terms and conditions, explain the differences between those Customers and the special contract Customer.

Answer:

Not applicable; all similarly situated customers should receive the same offer.

- d. Summarize termination clause in the contract that protects CenturyLink if the customer stops the service early and CenturyLink does not recover initial costs.

Answer:

Termination Liability applies per the Oregon QC Exchange and Network Services Price List.

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e. Was there a Request for Proposal? Please describe.

Answer:

CenturyLink negotiated with this customer for ISDN PRI services.

f. Are there competitive alternatives? If yes, who are the competitive providers and what services do they offer?

Answer:

Yes. Almost all Competitive Local Exchange Companies offer this common business service.

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This Bulk Rated Agreement ("Agreement") is between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") and [REDACTED] incorporated ("Customer") and is effective on the date CenturyLink signs it ("Effective Date"). CenturyLink will provide, and Customer will purchase Bulk Rated Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Service ("ISDN PRS"), Digital Switched Service with Advanced trunks ("DSS Advanced") or Uniform Access Solution Service ("UAS") (individually and collectively referred to as "Service") under this Agreement.

Service will be governed by: (a) the Tariff applicable to Service; and (b) to the extent a comparable Tariff term or condition does not apply to Service, the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. "Tariff" includes as applicable: CenturyLink state tariffs, price lists, price schedules, administrative guidelines, catalogs, and rate and term schedules incorporated by this reference and posted at <http://www.centurylink.com/tariffs>. Service is subject to technical publication 77400 located at <http://qwest.centurylink.com/techpub/> ("Tech Pub").

**1. Scope.**

**1.1 ISDN PRS.** If Customer purchases ISDN PRS, CenturyLink will provide digital intraLATA, intrastate, switched local exchange telecommunications service utilizing ISDN PRS technology that transports and distributes voice, data, image, and facsimile communications separately or simultaneously over the public, switched, local exchange network. An ISDN PRS circuit includes a DS1 facility, an ISDN PRS service configuration, and trunks. ISDN PRS operates at 1.544 megabits per second (Mbps). ISDN PRS may be configured as 23 B channels and one D channel, 24 B channels only (24B), or 23 B channels and one back-up D channel (23B+BUD). Each B channel transmits voice or data at 64 kilobits per second (Kbps). The D channel carries signaling information at 64 Kbps.

**1.2 ISDN PRS-UAS.** If Customer purchases ISDN PRS, Customer may also select Uniform Access Solution service as an optional feature as that service is defined in the Tariff under Primary Rate Service. An ISDN PRS-UAS circuit provides digital service with single-number route indexing, which includes a DS1 facility with common equipment, and a network connection which provides for local exchange, toll network access. Each DS1 facility utilizes the channels configured as: (a) In-only trunking; or (b) Two-way trunking.

**1.3 DSS Advanced.** If Customer purchases DSS Advanced, CenturyLink will provide Customer with a circuit that includes a digital DS1 facility, common equipment to interconnect with CenturyLink's local exchange switching office and advanced, flat usage trunks and DID trunk termination for access to the local exchange and toll networks. DSS Advanced operates at a maximum speed of 1.544 Mbps.

**1.4 UAS.** If Customer purchases UAS, CenturyLink will provide Customer with a digital circuit with single-number route indexing, which includes a DS1 facility with common equipment, and a network connection which provides for local exchange, toll network access. Each DS1 facility utilizes the channels configured as: (a) In-only trunking; or (b) Two-way trunking.

**1.5 Use of Service.** Customer represents and warrants that it will use ISDN PRS and its optional features for communication purposes only. If CenturyLink determines that ISDN PRS or any optional feature is being used inappropriately, CenturyLink may disconnect the ISDN PRS service or feature without notice in accordance with any applicable termination provision of the Tariff, and the Termination Charges specified in the Termination section below may apply.

**2. Term.**

**2.1** This Agreement will expire 12 months from the date Service is available to Customer under this Agreement, as evidenced by CenturyLink records ("Term"). The Minimum Service Period for Service is 12 months from the date Service is available for use ("Minimum Service Period"). Any Service installed for 12 consecutive months prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement will be deemed to have met the Minimum Service Period.

**2.2** Should CenturyLink continue to provide Service after this Term without a further agreement, the service charges will convert to the applicable month-to-month rate under the terms and conditions of the applicable Tariff, or in its absence, this Agreement.

**3. Service Provided.**

**3.1** CenturyLink will provide and maintain Service at the locations and in the quantities specified in the Pricing Attachment(s), incorporated herein by this reference, and as requested on any subsequent order for Service or amendment to this Agreement.

**3.2** CenturyLink will notify Customer of the date Service is available for use. In the event Customer informs CenturyLink that it is unable or unwilling to accept Service at such time, the subject Service will be held available for Customer for a period not to exceed 30 business days from such date ("Grace Period"). If after the Grace Period, Customer still has not accepted Service, CenturyLink may either: (a) commence with regular monthly billing for the subject Service; or (b) cancel the subject Service. If Customer cancels an order for Service prior to the date Service is available for use, or is unable to accept Service during the Grace Period and CenturyLink cancels Service at the end of the Grace Period, the Tariff cancellation charges may apply.

**4. Charges and Billing.**

**4.1** Customer will pay the total monthly recurring charges ("MRC") and nonrecurring charges ("NRC") for Service specified in the Pricing Attachment(s). For Service requested on any subsequent orders or amendments to this Agreement, Customer will also pay the total MRC and NRC specified on the subsequent orders or amendments. The MRC will not change during the Term of this Agreement. Customer must pay CenturyLink all charges by the payment due date on the invoice. Any amount not paid when due will be subject to late interest specified by the Tariff, or if there is no such late interest specified in the Tariff, the amount due will be subject to late interest at the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate allowed by law. In addition to payment of charges for Service, Customer must also pay

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CenturyLink any applicable Taxes assessed in connection with Service. "Taxes" means federal, state and local excise, gross receipts, sales, use, privilege, or other tax (other than net income) now or in the future imposed by any governmental entity (whether such Taxes are assessed by a governmental authority directly upon CenturyLink or Customer) attributable or measured by the sale price or transaction amount, or surcharges, fees, and other similar charges that are required or permitted to be assessed on Customer. These charges may include state and federal Carrier Universal Service Charges, as well as charges related to E911, and Telephone Relay Service. Taxes may vary and are subject to change. CenturyLink reserves the right to charge administrative fees when Customer's payment preferences deviate from CenturyLink's standard practices.

**4.2** Charges for Service under this Agreement, including any and all discounts to which Customer may be entitled, will be offered and charged to Customer independently from and regardless of Customer's purchase of any customer premises equipment or enhanced services from CenturyLink.

**4.3** If Service is not available in Customer's wire center, standard interoffice private line mileage charges ("Mileage MRC" and "Mileage NRC") for transport between switches will apply in addition to the rates and charges for Service.

**5. Customer Responsibilities for 911 Call Routing.**

**5.1** If Customer purchases ISDN PRS or DSS Advanced under this Agreement, Customer understands and acknowledges that the PBX's main number Automatic Number Identification (ANI) may be forwarded to a Public Safety Answering Point ("PSAP") during a 911 call. DID digits assigned to a PBX station may not be used for 911 calls unless an Automatic Location Identification (ALI) record has been created for the DID number.

**5.2** Customer's PBX must be capable of recognizing "911" or "9911" digits as a complete dialing sequence, and routing those calls as an outbound local call.

**5.3** Customer hereby agrees to release CenturyLink from any liability if an incorrect telephone number is forwarded to a PSAP as a result of PBX, ISDN PRS or DSS Advanced signaling parameters set by Customer.

**6. Service Changes.**

**6.1 Moves.** Customer may move the physical location of all or part of Service to another location within a CenturyLink serving area, provided the following conditions are met; (a) Service moved to the new location is provided to Customer by CenturyLink; (b) Customer advises CenturyLink that Service at the new location replaces the existing Service; (c) Customer's request for disconnection of the existing Service and installation of Service at the new location are received by CenturyLink on the same date; (d) Customer requests that CenturyLink install Service at the new location on or prior to the disconnection date of the existing Service; and (e) Customer agrees to pay all applicable rates and charges for the requested move and Service at the new location.

**6.2 Additions to Service.** Service may be added up to 12 months prior to the expiration date of this Agreement at the rates specified herein. CenturyLink will supply such additions to Customer, subject to the following conditions: (a) the necessary facilities are available, as determined by CenturyLink, to provide Service; and (b) a new Minimum Service Period is established for each new addition to Service. If Service being added is not itemized in a Pricing Attachment, Customer agrees to execute a written amendment evidencing such addition to Service.

**6.3 Additions During Last 12 Months of Term.** Service ordered during the last 12 months of the Term must be added (a) pursuant to a new agreement that may include the existing Service; or (b) on a month-to-month basis at the rates in effect in the Tariff.

**7. Termination.**

**7.1** Either party may terminate Service under this Agreement in accordance with the applicable Tariff or for Cause. "Cause" means the failure of a party to perform a material obligation under this Agreement, which failure is not remedied: (a) for payment defaults by Customer, within five days of separate written notice from CenturyLink of such default (unless a different notice period is specified in the Tariff); or (b) for any other material breach, within 30 days of written notice (unless a different notice period is specified in the Tariff or this Agreement). Customer will remain liable for charges accrued but unpaid as of the termination date.

**7.2** If, prior to the conclusion of the Term, this Agreement, or any portion of Service, is terminated either by CenturyLink for Cause or by Customer for any reason other than Cause, then Customer will also be liable for 100% of the MRC for terminated Service times the number of months (or fraction thereof) remaining (if any) in the Minimum Service Period, and 50% of the MRC times the number of months (or fraction thereof) remaining in the Term after the Minimum Service Period ("Termination Charge").

**7.3** A Termination Charge will be waived when all of the following conditions are met: (a) Customer discontinues Service and signs a new service agreement(s) for any other CenturyLink provided service(s); (b) the new service agreement(s) have a total value equal to or greater than 115% of the remaining prorated value of the existing agreement(s) (excluding any special construction charges, applicable nonrecurring charges, or previously billed but unpaid recurring and nonrecurring charges); (c) Customer places the orders to discontinue Service and establish new service at the same time (within 30 calendar days of each other if service is in New Mexico); (d) the new service(s) installation must be completed within 30 calendar days of disconnection of Service, unless such installation delay is caused by CenturyLink; and (e) a new minimum service period goes into effect, if applicable, when the new service agreement term begins. The waiver does not apply to changes between regulated and unregulated or enhanced products and services.

**8. Confidentiality.** Neither party will, without the prior written consent of the other party: (a) disclose any of the terms of this Agreement; or (b) disclose or use (except as expressly permitted by, or required to achieve the purposes of, this Agreement) the Confidential Information of the other party. "Confidential Information" means any information that is not generally available to the public,

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whether of a technical, business, or other nature, and that: (a) the receiving party knows or has reason to know is confidential, proprietary, or trade secret information of the disclosing party; or (b) is of such a nature that the receiving party should reasonably understand that the disclosing party desires to protect the information from disclosure. Confidential Information will not include information that is in the public domain through no breach of this Agreement by the receiving party or is already known or is independently developed by the receiving party. Each party will use reasonable efforts to protect the other's Confidential Information, and will use at least the same efforts to protect such Confidential Information as the party would use to protect its own. CenturyLink's consent may only be given by its Legal Department. A party may disclose Confidential Information if required to do so by a governmental agency, by operation of law, or if necessary in any proceeding to establish rights or obligations under this Agreement.

**9. Use of Name and Marks.** Neither party will use the name or marks of the other party or any of its Affiliates for any purpose without the other party's prior written consent. CenturyLink's consent may only be given by its Legal Department. "Affiliate" means any entity controlled by, controlling, or under common control with a party.

**10. Out-of-Service Credit.** If CenturyLink causes a Service interruption, an out-of-service credit will be calculated under the state local exchange Tariff. If there is no applicable Tariff and the interruption lasts for more than 24 consecutive hours after CenturyLink receives notice of it, CenturyLink will give Customer credit calculated by dividing the monthly rate for the affected Service by 30 days; and then multiplying that daily rate by the number of days that Service was interrupted.

**11. Disclaimer of Warranties.** EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS AGREEMENT, SERVICE IS PROVIDED "AS IS." CENTURYLINK DISCLAIMS ALL EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND NON-INFRINGEMENT.

**12. Limitations of Liability.** The remedies and limitations of liability for any claims arising between the parties are set forth below.

**12.1 Consequential Damages.** NEITHER PARTY OR ITS AFFILIATES, AGENTS, OR CONTRACTORS IS LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES OR FOR ANY LOST PROFITS, LOST REVENUES, LOST DATA, LOST BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY, OR COSTS OF COVER. THESE LIMITATIONS APPLY REGARDLESS OF THE LEGAL THEORY UNDER WHICH SUCH LIABILITY IS ASSERTED AND REGARDLESS OF FORESEEABILITY.

**12.2 Claims Related to Service.** For Service related claims by Customer, Customer's exclusive remedies are limited to the applicable out-of-service credits, if any.

**12.3. Personal Injury; Death; Property Damages.** For claims arising out of personal injury or death to a party's employee, or damage to a party's real or personal property, that are caused by the other party's negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of this Agreement, each party's liability is limited to proven direct damages.

**13. Miscellaneous.**

**13.1 General.** This Agreement's benefits do not extend to any third party (e.g., an End User). "End User" means Customer's members, end users, customers, or any other third parties who use or access Service or the CenturyLink network via the Service. If any term of this Agreement is held unenforceable, the remaining terms will remain in effect. Neither party's failure to exercise any right or to insist upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement is a waiver of any right under this Agreement. The terms and conditions of this Agreement regarding confidentiality, limitation of liability, warranties, payment, dispute resolution, and all other terms of this Agreement that should by their nature survive the termination of this Agreement will survive. Each party is not responsible for any delay or other failure to perform due to a Force Majeure Event. "Force Majeure Event" means an unforeseeable event beyond the reasonable control of that party, including without limitation: act of God, fire, explosion, lightning, hurricane, labor dispute, cable cuts by third parties, acts of terror, material shortages or unavailability, government laws or regulations, war or civil disorder, or failures of suppliers of goods and services. Customer may not assign this Agreement or any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of CenturyLink, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Customer may not assign to a reseller or a telecommunications carrier under any circumstances.

**13.2 Conflicts Provision.** If a conflict exists among provisions within this Agreement, the following order of precedence will apply in descending order of control: Tariff, this Agreement, the Tech Pub and CenturyLink records.

**13.3 Independent Contractor.** CenturyLink provides the Service as an independent contractor. This Agreement will not create an employer-employee relationship, association, joint venture, partnership, or other form of legal entity or business enterprise between the parties, their agents, employees or affiliates.

**13.4 ARRA.** Customer will not pay for the Service with funds obtained through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act or other similar stimulus grants or loans that would obligate CenturyLink to provide certain information or perform certain functions unless each of those obligations are explicitly identified and agreed to by the parties in this Agreement or in an amendment to this Agreement.

**13.5 HIPAA.** CenturyLink does not require or intend to access Customer data in its performance hereunder, including but not limited to any confidential health related information of Customer's clients, which may include group health plans, that constitutes Protected Health Information ("PHI"), as defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103 under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA Rules"). To the extent that any exposure to PHI is incidental to CenturyLink's provision of Service and not meant for the

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purpose of accessing, managing the PHI or creating or manipulating the PHI, such exposure is allowable under 45 CFR 164.502(a)(1)(iii).

**13.6 Credit Approval.** Provision of Service is subject to CenturyLink's credit approval of Customer. As part of the credit approval process, CenturyLink may require Customer to provide a deposit or other security. Additionally during the Term, if Customer's financial circumstance or payment history becomes reasonably unacceptable to CenturyLink, CenturyLink may require adequate assurance of future payment as a condition of continuing CenturyLink's provision of Service. Customer's failure to provide adequate assurances required by CenturyLink is a material breach of this Agreement. CenturyLink may provide Customer's payment history or other billing/charge information to credit reporting agencies or industry clearinghouses.

**13.7. Governing Law; Dispute Resolution.**

**(a) Governing Law; Forum.** Colorado state law, without regard to choice-of-law principles, governs all matters relating to this Agreement, except with regard to matters which are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or federal regulatory agency. Any legal proceeding relating to this Agreement will be brought in a U.S. District Court, or absent federal jurisdiction, in a state court of competent jurisdiction, in Denver, Colorado. This provision is not intended to deprive a small claims court or state agency of lawful jurisdiction that would otherwise exist over a claim or controversy between the parties.

**(b) Waiver of Jury Trial and Class Action.** Each party, to the extent permitted by law, knowingly, voluntarily, and intentionally waives its right to a jury trial and any right to pursue any claim or action relating to this Agreement on a class or consolidated basis or in a representative capacity. If for any reason the jury trial waiver is held to be unenforceable, the parties agree to binding arbitration for any dispute relating to this Agreement under the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et. seq. The arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules. Judgment upon the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.

**(c) Limitations Period.** Any claim relating to this Agreement must be brought within two years after the claim arises.

**13.8 No Resale; Compliance.** Customer represents that it is not a reseller of any telecommunication services provided under this Agreement as described in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, or applicable state law and acknowledges it is not entitled to any reseller discounts under any laws. Customer's use of Service must comply with all applicable laws.

**13.9 Amendments; Changes.** This Agreement may be amended only in a writing signed by both parties' authorized representatives. Each party may, at any time, reject any handwritten change or other alteration to this Agreement. CenturyLink may amend, change, or withdraw the Tariffs, with such updated Tariffs effective upon posting or upon fulfillment of any necessary regulatory requirements.

**13.10 Required Notices.** Unless provided otherwise in this Agreement, all required notices to CenturyLink must be in writing, sent to 1801 California St., #900, Denver, CO 80202; Fax: 888-778-0054; Attn.: Legal Dept., and to Customer at its then current address as reflected in CenturyLink's records Attn.: General Counsel or other person designated for notices. All notices are effective: (a) when delivered via overnight courier mail or in person to the recipient named above; (b) three business days after mailed via regular U.S. Mail; or (c) when delivered by fax if duplicate notice is also sent by regular U.S. Mail.

**13.11 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement (including all referenced documents) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements or understandings relating to the same service or circuits at the same locations as covered under this Agreement. Using CenturyLink's electronic signature process for this Agreement is acceptable.

[Redacted Signature]

Authorized Signature

[Redacted Name]

Name Typed or Printed

[Redacted Title]

Title

April 19, 2017

Date

Address for Notices:

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DocuSigned by:  
Quest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC

Dave Stahly

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Authorized Signature

Dave Stahly

Name Typed or Printed

Director - Offer Management

Title

4/20/2017

Date

**Pricing Attachments must be initialed by Customer and included with this signed Agreement for it to be valid.**



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FOR THE STATE OF OR

Sykes Enterprises, Incorporated  
Customer

Term	NRC	AQCB # <small>Internal Use Only.</small>
12 months	\$0.00	

Service Location including City and State	Circuit ID or BTN	Service (USOC) / MRC per ea.	Qty.
 OR 97862	101A T1ZF MLTNORABH01 WLWLWA01DC0	ZPGW1/ \$350.00	1

Customer Initials: DC

Date: 4-19-17