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IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT NOTICE AND)	DOCKET NOS. T-01051B-10-0194
APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION,)	T-02811B-10-0194
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, LLC,)	T-04190A-10-0194
QWEST LD CORP., EMBARQ)	T-20443A-10-0194
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A CENTURY)	T-03555A-10-0194
LINK COMMUNICATIONS, EMBARQ)	T-03902A-10-0194
PAYPHONE SERVICES, INC. D/B/A)	
CENTURYLINK, AND CENTURYTEL)	
SOLUTIONS, LLC FOR APPROVAL OF THE)	
PROPOSED MERGER OF THEIR PARENT)	
CORPORATIONS QWEST COMMUNICATIONS)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. AND CENTURYTEL,)	
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**RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF
STAFF'S REQUEST FOR AN
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
SURREBUTTAL**

Integra Telecom, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. dba PAETEC Business Services, Level 3 Communications LLC., XO Communications, and tw telecom of arizona llc ("Joint CLECs") respond to Staff's Request for an Extension of Time to file Surrebuttal Testimony. Joint CLECs supports Staff's request and believes it is important that Staff has sufficient time to fully analyze and address the complex issues in this docket. Qwest is the nation's third largest local phone company and the largest provider of local phone service in Arizona. CenturyLink is the nation's fifth largest local phone company and has no customers in Arizona. This transaction will substantially impact Arizona telecommunications. The Joint CLECs supports the Commission Staff's request for adequate time to review the transaction and make recommendations aimed at protecting Arizona consumers.

The requested extension will not unduly delay any potential merger closing. Other state utility commissions that are considering the merger also have procedural schedules that stretch into

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1 2011. In Washington, the hearing on the merger is set for January 5-7, 2011. Post-hearing activity
2 will extend that proceeding well into 2011. Oregon recently continued its hearing to early
3 December 2010. Again, post-hearing activity will extend that proceeding into 2011. Minnesota's
4 schedule will result in a proposed order by December 22, 2010, but under Minnesota procedure,
5 the filing of exceptions and a Commission hearing after the issuance of that proposed order will
6 extend that proceeding into 2011.

7 Finally, Joint Applicants have repeatedly stated publicly that the merger, if approved, will
8 not close until the end of the second quarter of 2011 (June 30, 2011) Staff's extension does not
9 jeopardize that stated deadline.

10 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of October 2010.

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