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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A CENTURYLINK- QC ("CENTURYLINK") TO CLASSIFY AND REGULATE RETAIL LOCAL EXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AS COMPETITIVE AND TO CLASSIFY AND DEREGULATE CERTAIN SERVICES AS NON-ESSENTIAL.

DOCKET NO. T-01051B-11-0378

**THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
AND ALL OTHER FEDERAL
EXECUTIVE AGENCIES'**

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW

The Secretary of Defense, through duly authorized counsel, on behalf of the consumer interests of the United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies (collectively referred to herein as "DoD/FEA"), hereby files with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("the Commission") its Request to Withdraw from the above-captioned proceeding.

On October 13, 2011, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") filed an application asking the Commission "for a determination pursuant to A.C.C. R14-2-1108 that all Commission-regulated retail local exchange services CenturyLink provides are competitive...and...for a determination pursuant to A.R.S. §40-281(E) that certain of the retail services CenturyLink provides are not essential or integral to the public service and [should be deregulated by the Commission]."¹ DoD/FEA on February

¹ Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") to Classify and Regulate Retail Local Exchange Telecommunications Services as Competitive and to Classify and Deregulate Certain Services as Non-Essential ("Application"), p. 1, October 13, 2011.

10, 2012, filed an application to intervene in this proceeding which was granted on March 1, 2012.² DoD/FEA disagreed with CenturyLink's Application raising several issues with it. Subsequently, CenturyLink and DoD/FEA entered into settlement discussions to address DoD/FEA's issues. Those negotiations successfully resulted in a voluntary settlement agreement between CenturyLink and DoD/FEA.³ The commitments by CenturyLink contained in that Settlement Agreement fully protect the consumer interests of DoD/FEA. Based on that, all disputed matters between DoD/FEA and CenturyLink raised by the Application now have been fully resolved. Under those circumstances, DoD/FEA hereby acknowledges that approval of CenturyLink's Application by the Arizona Corporation Commission would be in the public interest as it pertains to DoD/FEA and, as such, DoD/FEA does not oppose the grant of CenturyLink's Application in Commission Docket No. T-01051B-11-0378 under the conditions of this settlement.

WHEREFORE, with no further matters remaining to be addressed between DoD/FEA and CenturyLink regarding the Application, the United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies hereby withdraw all its opposition to the CenturyLink Application in Arizona Corporation Commission Docket No. T-01051B-11-0378, regardless of the form by which that opposition has been asserted. To that end, DoD/FEA requests withdrawal of its intervention, discovery requests and responses, and withdrawal of all its pre-filed written testimony opposing the Application. However, in

² Notification of Intervention, a procedural order of Administrative Law Judge Jane L. Rodda, dated March 1, 2012.

³ Settlement Agreement and Stipulation ("Settlement Agreement"), dated April 18, 2012, which was filed by CenturyLink with the Commission on April 19, 2012.

order to continue to monitor this proceeding, DoD/FEA requests that its undersigned attorney remain on the docket's official Service List and that he continue to be served with all future documents by the parties and Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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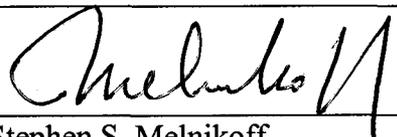
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