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Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached for filing is a revision to Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC, Entity Code T-01051B.

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is an original plus thirteen (13) copies of revisions to CenturyLink's Competitive Exchange and Network Services Tariff. The following revisions are included in this filing:

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This filing also standardizes language regarding eligibility of Lifeline applicants who reside on Federally recognized Tribal Lands. These revisions are administrative only and do not reflect changes in eligibility or benefits available to Tribal Lands applicants. The revised language is for the purpose of consistently presenting the conditions of Tribal Land eligibility across all CenturyLink tariffs.

This filing is scheduled to become effective August 15, 2016.

Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this transmittal are requested. A duplicate letter and self-addressed, stamped envelope are attached for this purpose. If you have questions or need additional information regarding this filing, please contact me at the number below.

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## 5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

### 5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

#### 5.2.6 TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (Cont'd)

##### C. Lifeline Assistance

###### 1. Description

The Lifeline Assistance Program (Lifeline) assists qualified low-income applicants with a monthly credit towards their local exchange service rate. The assistance applies for a single telephone line at the applicant's principal place of residence.

###### 2. Eligibility Requirements

- a. To be eligible for Lifeline Assistance, an applicant, one or more dependents of the applicant, and/or a member of the applicant's household must participate in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (fka Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) [1]
- National School Lunch Program's free lunch program [1]
- State Children's Health Insurance Plan (SCHIP) or KidsCare [1]

- b. The Lifeline Program is also available to applicants when the household income of the applicant is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

###### 3. Terms and Conditions

- a. The Company shall perform 100% verification of customer continuing eligibility annually, in conjunction with DES.
- b. **Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with applicable FCC requirements.** Records will be maintained by the Company in accordance with Arizona Corporation Commission Decision No. 67941. (C)  
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- c. A customer is not eligible for Lifeline from the Company if he/she is currently receiving Lifeline credit for service provided by another Eligible Telecommunications Carrier.
- d. **Pursuant to FCC order 15-71, adopted June 18, 2015, the Company does not provide Lifeline discounted service to resellers.** (N)  
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[1] Effective date of programs is on or before December 16, 2005. Income criteria as defined by certification process with DES.

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