

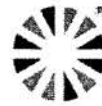
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To whom it may concern:

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 includes Lifeline revisions compliant with *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, Docket No. T-00000A-16-0420.

This filing is submitted with a proposed effective date of May 12, 2017. 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.

Sincerely,

Zarneisha Dixon

cc: Reed Peterson, CenturyLink

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5. EXCHANGE SERVICES

5.2 LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

5.2.6 LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

C. Telephone Assistance Program for the Medically Needy (Cont'd)

2. Application

- a. The Telephone Assistance Program for the Medically Needy is available to low-income households that meet specific financial eligibility criteria and demonstrate a special medical need requiring a telephone in the home. Customers are financially eligible if their annual income is at or below 150% of current federal poverty guidelines. Certification of medical need should be obtained by use of a simple, standardized form to be completed by a physician and attached to the application. The expected duration of the medical condition must be stated on the form.
- b. The program provides a credit to cover the monthly charge for basic local residential phone service including any applicable monthly exchange zone increments. The program also covers the Universal Service Fund surcharge.

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In addition, normal deposit requirements will be waived for program participants.

- c. The funding for this program was established by the Arizona Corporation Commission in Decision No. 57462, dated July 15, 1991. Qwest was ordered to set aside \$1,000,000 annually for this program. In Decision No. 68604, dated March 23, 2006, the Arizona Corporation Commission increased the funding for this program to \$2,000,000. Effective January 1, 2016, the Company will no longer be required to set aside the \$2,000,000 annual funding amount required by Decision No. 68604 or to carry over any previously mandated funding amounts. The Company will provide the credits to customers and all funding required for the continued administration of the program as an in-year current operating expense, with no duty to set aside or maintain an accrual or dedicated fund.

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E. Tribal Link-Up

As of April 1, 2012, non-Tribal Lifeline customers are not eligible for Link-Up support. Eligible residents of Federal Tribal Lands **were previously eligible to receive Link Up support to cover 100% of the customary charges up to \$100.00 in connection with commencing telecommunications service to the qualifying customer's principal place of residence on tribal lands. As of April 1, 2017 and pursuant to *Lifeline and Link-Up Reform and Modernization*, Docket No. T-00000A-16-0420, the Company no longer offers Link-Up benefits to Tribal Lifeline customers.**

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