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Re: CenturyLink/Qwest Merger UT Doc. No. UT-100820 and WC Docket No. 10-110
and DA 10-993

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing you concerning the pending merger of Qwest and Century-Link. It is critical to our business that we continue to have reliable and first rate telecommunications and internet access services.

It is our understanding that CenturyLink is the first rural carrier to acquire a regional Bell Operating Company, and has little to no experience serving major urban areas like Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, Portland, Minneapolis-St. Paul or Salt Lake City. We are concerned that the service of all residents and businesses in our state which rely directly or indirectly upon Qwest's network may be adversely effected by this transaction. We urge you, in reviewing this merger, to ensure that service quality and local service competition are not harmed by the transaction. The merged company must have the appropriate incentives and technical and operational resources to continue to serve all of its customers, whether wholesale or retail, at the same levels Qwest does today.

Our community and our businesses depend upon a common telecommunications infrastructure and we are counting on the FCC and the state commission to prevent any disruptions to it as a result of this transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad Richardson", written over a dashed horizontal line.

Chad Richardson

cc: PUC Members

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