



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

February 14, 2011

To: **Interested Parties**

Docket No. **P-421, et al./PA-10-456**
In the Matter of the Joint Petition of for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Operating Companies to CenturyLink

From: Burl W. Haar *by M.E.O.*
Executive Secretary

Subject: (i) **Request for Comments/Status Report**
(ii) **Notice of Commission Meeting**

Background

On February 10, 2011, the Commission met to deliberate issues regarding the Qwest-CenturyLink merger. At that meeting the Commission decided to table the matter until March to allow the interveners and petitioners an opportunity to engage in negotiations and to allow the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce an opportunity to comment on the proposed merger.

(i) Request for Comments/Status Report

The Commission seeks comments from the parties regarding the status of negotiations, the result of any negotiations, and the status of merger proceedings in other states in Qwest's service area. The Commission also seeks comments from the Commissioner of Commerce regarding the Commissioner's position as to whether the merger is in the public interest. Parties should file their comments and/or status reports by February 25, 2011.

(ii) Notice of Commission Meeting

All interested parties are notified that the Commission will meet at **9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 3, 2011**, in the Commission's Large Hearing Room, 3rd Floor, 121 7th Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota for further consideration of this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Kevin O'Grady at (651) 201-2218 or Marc Fournier at (651) 201-2214.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Margie DeLaHunt, hereby certify that I have this day, served a true and correct copy of the following document to all persons at the addresses indicated below or on the attached list by electronic filing, electronic mail, courier, interoffice mail or by depositing the same enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS/STATUS REPORT & NOTICE OF COMMISSION
MEETING**

Docket Number P-421, et al./PA-10-456
Dated this 14th day of February 14, 2011

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