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Re: Docket No. UT-100820 – Qwest/CenturyLink

 Joint Applicants’ Response to Bench Request No. 1

Dear Mr. Danner:

Please see the Joint Applicants’ 12th update to Bench Request No. 1.  This update reflects today’s decision by the Arizona Corporation Commission, which unanimously approved the merger  with no additional substantive CLEC conditions beyond those in the recommended Opinion and Order, which approved the transaction subject to the conditions in the various settlement agreements (available at <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000123143.pdf>).  The written decision will be issued shortly, and will be provided when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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