

**EXHIBIT C (HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AGREEMENT)**

AGREEMENT CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION  
IN DOCKET UT-240029  
BEFORE THE  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

I, Robert S. Thoms, as

In-house counsel

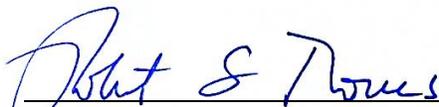
In-house expert

Outside counsel

Outside expert

in this proceeding for CenturyLink (a party to this proceeding) hereby declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the following are true and correct:

- a. I am not now involved, and will not for a period of two years involve myself in, competitive decision making with respect to which the documents or information may be relevant, by or on behalf of any company or business organization that competes, or potentially competes, with the company or business organization from whom they seek disclosure of highly confidential information with respect to the development or purchase of telecommunication resources;
- b. I have read and understand, and agree to be bound by, the terms of the Protective Order in this proceeding, including this Exhibit C of the Protective Order; and
- c. If I am in-house or outside counsel, I further agree to be responsible for any violations of the Protective Order that result from the conduct of administrative staff I allow to have access to Highly Confidential Information.

  
Signature

April 4, 2024  
Date

Seattle, Washington  
City/State where this Agreement was signed

CenturyLink  
Employer

Dir. State & Local Government Affairs  
Position and Responsibilities

424 N. Borough Rd.  
Tacoma, WA 98403  
Permanent Address

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The following portion is to be completed by responding party and filed with the commission within 10 days of receipt; failure to do so will constitute a waiver and the above-named person will be deemed an expert having access to Confidential Information under the terms and conditions of the Protective Order.

\_\_\_\_\_ No objection

\_\_\_\_\_ Objection. The responding party objects to the above-named expert having access to Highly Confidential Information. The objecting party shall file a motion with the Commission, supported by affidavit, setting forth the basis for the objection and asking exclusion of the person from access to Highly Confidential Information.

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Signature

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Date