



May 20, 2016

Advice No. C46-2016

The Honorable Susan Ackerman, Stephen Bloom and John Savage, Commissioners
Oregon Public Utility Commission
P. O. Box 1088
Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

Attention: Joan Grindeland

Dear Commissioners Ackerman, Bloom and Savage:

Pursuant to ORS 759.250, Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC is filing notification of a Special Contract for ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS). ISDN PRI Service, a service offered by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, is included as part of a CenturyLink Total Advantage™ Express Agreement which is provided by CenturyLink Communications Company LLC, f/k/a Qwest Communications Company, LLC. This agreement was signed on April 5, 2016.

CenturyLink believes that ISDN PRI is competitive and that the Special Contract pricing is in accordance with the provisions of ORS 759.250. Supporting documentation is attached.

Due to the competitive nature of this Special Contract, the information provided in Attachment C contains commercially valuable information and/or trade secrets and is submitted to Staff in confidence pursuant to ORS 192.501 and ORS 192.502. We understand that you will notify us prior to release of any such information in sufficient time to seek a protective order from the Commission or to otherwise preserve its confidentiality.

We enclose one complete copy of the contract and amendment which contains confidential information for Staff review. As provided by the provisions of ORS 759.250(6), CenturyLink requests this information not be publicly disclosed. Confidential information has been removed from the additional copies included in this filing for public disclosure.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this filing to me at (318) 360 2812.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chelle R. Rivers".

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cc: Phil Grate, CenturyLink
Attachments

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CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY # 53020268
CONTRACT SUMMARY

Type Of Agreement: New Request: X Renewal: _____ Addition: _____

Term Of Agreement: The term of the contract is 24 months

Effective Date: April 5, 2016

ISDN PRIMARY RATE SERVICE (PRS)

Service Description:

ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) is a digital four-wire full duplex transmission path between ISDN-compatible Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) and an ISDN-equipped central office.

Description of Offer:

Customer receives a price discount in Oregon for the business service noted above. All other terms and conditions of this contract are offered in accordance with the Oregon QC Exchange and Network Services Price List.

Unit Price:

Service:	ISDN Primary Rate
Number of Arrangements:	5
Monthly Unit Price:	\$375.00

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I. CONTRACT ANALYSIS

- a. Please provide the rationale and justification for creating a special class of service. The rationale must include a discussion as to why no previously approved class of service (contract or tariff) is acceptable to the Customer for whom the utility proposes a special class of service. Determination of a special class of service must be based on the following:

The quantity of service used, the time when used, the purpose for which used, the existence of price competition or a service alternative, the services being provided, the conditions of service, or any other reasonable consideration.

Answer:

Current tariffs for services included in the contract do not provide pricing recognizing this customer's volume of service and commitment to retain service across CenturyLink's territory. The total volume of facilities being ordered by the customer justifies going beyond the standard terms offered in the tariff for similar services. Competitive alternatives such as resale of CenturyLink QC service are available to customers.

- b. The number of similarly situated Customers who should receive the same terms and conditions. Also, include the number of billing units for those Customers.

Answer:

All similarly situated customers should receive the same terms and conditions.

- c. If there are other similarly situated Customers who should not receive the same terms and conditions, explain the differences between those Customers and the special contract Customer.

Answer:

Not applicable; all similarly situated customers should receive the same offer.

- d. Summarize termination clause in the contract that protects CenturyLink if the customer stops the service early and CenturyLink does not recover initial costs.

Answer:

Termination Liability applies per the Oregon QC Exchange and Network Services Price List.

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e. Was there a Request for Proposal? Please describe.

Answer:

CenturyLink negotiated with this customer for ISDN PRI services.

f. Are there competitive alternatives? If yes, who are the competitive providers and what services do they offer?

Answer:

Yes. Almost all Competitive Local Exchange Companies offer this common business service.

**CENTURYLINK ISDN PRS, DSS ADVANCED OR UAS
BULK RATED AGREEMENT**

This Bulk Rated Agreement ("Agreement") is between Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") and [REDACTED] ("Customer") and is effective on the date CenturyLink signs it ("Effective Date"). CenturyLink will provide, and Customer will purchase Bulk Rated Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Service ("ISDN PRS"), Digital Switched Service with Advanced trunks ("DSS Advanced") or Uniform Access Solution Service ("UAS") (individually and collectively referred to as "Service") under this Agreement.

Service will be governed by: (a) the Tariff applicable to Service; and (b) to the extent a comparable Tariff term or condition does not apply to Service, the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. "Tariff" includes as applicable: CenturyLink state tariffs, price lists, price schedules, administrative guidelines, catalogs, and rate and term schedules incorporated by this reference and posted at <http://www.centurylink.com/tariffs>. Service is subject to technical publication 77400 located at <http://qwest.centurylink.com/techpub/> ("Tech Pub").

1. Scope.

1.1 ISDN PRS. If Customer purchases ISDN PRS, CenturyLink will provide digital intraLATA, intrastate, switched local exchange telecommunications service utilizing ISDN PRS technology that transports and distributes voice, data, image, and facsimile communications separately or simultaneously over the public, switched, local exchange network. An ISDN PRS circuit includes a DS1 facility, an ISDN PRS service configuration, and trunks. ISDN PRS operates at 1.544 megabits per second (Mbps). ISDN PRS may be configured as 23 B channels and one D channel, 24 B channels only (24B), or 23 B channels and one back-up D channel (23B+BJD). Each B channel transmits voice or data at 64 kilobits per second (Kbps). The D channel carries signaling information at 64 Kbps.

1.2 ISDN PRS-UAS. If Customer purchases ISDN PRS, Customer may also select Uniform Access Solution service as an optional feature as that service is defined in the Tariff under Primary Rate Service. An ISDN PRS-UAS circuit provides digital service with single-number route indexing, which includes a DS1 facility with common equipment, and a network connection which provides for local exchange, toll network access. Each DS1 facility utilizes the channels configured as: (a) In-only trunking; or (b) Two-way trunking.

1.3 DSS Advanced. If Customer purchases DSS Advanced, CenturyLink will provide Customer with a circuit that includes a digital DS1 facility, common equipment to interconnect with CenturyLink's local exchange switching office and advanced, flat usage trunks and DID trunk termination for access to the local exchange and toll networks. DSS Advanced operates at a maximum speed of 1.544 Mbps.

1.4 UAS. If Customer purchases UAS, CenturyLink will provide Customer with a digital circuit with single-number route indexing, which includes a DS1 facility with common equipment, and a network connection which provides for local exchange, toll network access. Each DS1 facility utilizes the channels configured as: (a) In-only trunking; or (b) Two-way trunking.

1.5 Use of Service. Customer represents and warrants that it will use ISDN PRS and its optional features for communication purposes only. If CenturyLink determines that ISDN PRS or any optional feature is being used inappropriately, CenturyLink may disconnect the ISDN PRS service or feature without notice in accordance with any applicable termination provision of the Tariff, and the Termination Charges specified in the Termination section below may apply.

2. Term.

2.1 This Agreement will expire 24 months from the date Service is available to Customer under this Agreement, as evidenced by CenturyLink records ("Term"). The Minimum Service Period for Service is 12 months from the date Service is available for use ("Minimum Service Period"). Any Service installed for 12 consecutive months prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement will be deemed to have met the Minimum Service Period.

2.2 Should CenturyLink continue to provide Service after this Term without a further agreement, the service charges will convert to the applicable month-to-month rate under the terms and conditions of the applicable Tariff, or in its absence, this Agreement.

3. Service Provided.

3.1 CenturyLink will provide and maintain Service at the locations and in the quantities specified in the Pricing Attachment(s), incorporated herein by this reference, and as requested on any subsequent order for Service or amendment to this Agreement.

3.2 CenturyLink will notify Customer of the date Service is available for use. In the event Customer informs CenturyLink that it is unable or unwilling to accept Service at such time, the subject Service will be held available for Customer for a period not to exceed 30 business days from such date ("Grace Period"). If after the Grace Period, Customer still has not accepted Service, CenturyLink may either: (a) commence with regular monthly billing for the subject Service; or (b) cancel the subject Service. If Customer cancels an order for Service prior to the date Service is available for use, or is unable to accept Service during the Grace Period and CenturyLink cancels Service at the end of the Grace Period, the Tariff cancellation charges may apply.

4. Charges and Billing.

4.1 Customer will pay the total monthly recurring charges ("MRC") and nonrecurring charges ("NRC") for Service specified in the Pricing Attachment(s). For Service requested on any subsequent orders or amendments to this Agreement, Customer will also pay the total MRC and NRC specified on the subsequent orders or amendments. The MRC will not change during the Term of this Agreement. Customer must pay CenturyLink all charges by the payment due date on the invoice. Any amount not paid when due will be subject to late interest specified by the Tariff, or if there is no such late interest specified in the Tariff, the amount due will be subject to late interest at the lesser of 1.5% per month or the maximum rate allowed by law. In addition to payment of charges for Service, Customer must also pay CenturyLink any applicable Taxes assessed in connection with Service. "Taxes" means federal, state and local excise, gross receipts, sales,

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circumstance or payment history becomes reasonably unacceptable to CenturyLink, CenturyLink may require adequate assurance of future payment as a condition of continuing CenturyLink's provision of Service. Customer's failure to provide adequate assurances required by CenturyLink is a material breach of this Agreement. CenturyLink may provide Customer's payment history or other billing/charge information to credit reporting agencies or industry clearinghouses.

13.7. Governing Law; Dispute Resolution.

(a) **Governing Law; Forum.** Colorado state law, without regard to choice-of-law principles, governs all matters relating to this Agreement, except with regard to matters which are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the state or federal regulatory agency. Any legal proceeding relating to this Agreement will be brought in a U.S. District Court, or absent federal jurisdiction, in a state court of competent jurisdiction, in Denver, Colorado. This provision is not intended to deprive a small claims court or state agency of lawful jurisdiction that would otherwise exist over a claim or controversy between the parties.

(b) **Waiver of Jury Trial and Class Action.** Each party, to the extent permitted by law, knowingly, voluntarily, and intentionally waives its right to a jury trial and any right to pursue any claim or action relating to this Agreement on a class or consolidated basis or in a representative capacity. If for any reason the jury trial waiver is held to be unenforceable, the parties agree to binding arbitration for any dispute relating to this Agreement under the Federal Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. § 1, et. seq. The arbitration will be conducted in accordance with the JAMS Comprehensive Arbitration Rules. Judgment upon the arbitration award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction.


(c) **Limitations Period.** Any claim relating to this Agreement must be brought within two years after the claim arises.


13.8 No Resale; Compliance. Customer represents that it is not a reseller of any telecommunication services provided under this Agreement as described in the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended, or applicable state law and acknowledges it is not entitled to any reseller discounts under any laws. Customer's use of Service must comply with all applicable laws.


13.9 Amendments; Changes. This Agreement may be amended only in a writing signed by both parties' authorized representatives. Each party may, at any time, reject any handwritten change or other alteration to this Agreement. CenturyLink may amend, change, or withdraw the Tariffs, with such updated Tariffs effective upon posting or upon fulfillment of any necessary regulatory requirements.

13.10 Required Notices. Unless provided otherwise in this Agreement, all required notices to CenturyLink must be in writing, sent to 1801 California St., #900, Denver, CO 80202; Fax: 888-778-0054; Attn.: Legal Dept., and to Customer at its then current address as reflected in CenturyLink's records Attn.: General Counsel or other person designated for notices. All notices are effective: (a) when delivered via overnight courier mail or in person to the recipient named above; (b) three business days after mailed via regular U.S. Mail; or (c) when delivered by fax if duplicate notice is also sent by regular U.S. Mail.

13.11 Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including all referenced documents) constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior oral or written agreements or understandings relating to the same service or circuits at the same locations as covered under this Agreement. Using CenturyLink's electronic signature process for this Agreement is acceptable.



 Authorized Signature


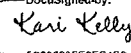
 Name Typed or Printed


 Title

 Date 3/29/2016

 Date

 Address for Notices:

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC


 Authorized Signature
 Kari Kelly

 Name Typed or Printed
 Sales Manager

 Title

 Date 4/5/2016

 Date

Pricing Attachments must be initialed by Customer and included with this signed Agreement for it to be valid.

CENTURYLINK TOTAL ADVANTAGE™ EXPRESS AGREEMENT

Exhibit 1
ISDN PRS ICB PRICING OFFER
FOR THE STATE OF OR

[Redacted]
Customer

This ISDN PRS is provided by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink QC") and is subject to the CenturyLink Total Advantage™ Express Agreement between Customer and CenturyLink.

Filing Concurrence

CenturyLink may be required to submit the pricing herein to certain regulatory agencies for approval because the rates are being offered on an individual case basis ("ICB Rates"). Although the general terms and conditions of this Agreement are effective on the Effective Date, the ICB Rates will not become effective for a given jurisdiction until the filing and approval requirements for that jurisdiction are fulfilled. Service will be offered in accordance with the applicable Tariff until the ICB Rates become effective. Approved ICB Rates will take precedence over the Tariff. If Customer receives reduced pricing under this Agreement and a regulatory agency later invalidates the ICB Rates after they had become effective, Customer will pay to CenturyLink any difference in the amounts listed in the applicable Tariff for Service and the amounts Customer was charged for Service. When approved by the regulatory agencies, Customer may add additional quantities of Service pursuant to the Service Changes Section under the same terms and conditions with no further filing required. If a regulatory agency does not approve this Agreement, the parties will enter into good faith negotiations to mutually resolve the failure to receive the necessary approval. This Agreement will remain in full force and effect for Service in all other jurisdictions.

AQCB# (internal use only): _____

Service Location Including City and State	Circuit ID/BTN	USOC	Term	NRC	Qty.	Total MRC Per Location
[Redacted], OR 97526, USA		ZPG62	24mo	\$0.00	1	\$375
[Redacted], OR 97504, USA		ZPG62	24mo	\$0.00	1	\$375
[Redacted], OR 97504, USA		ZPG62	24mo	\$0.00	1	\$375
[Redacted], OR 97504, USA		ZPG62	24mo	\$0.00	1	\$375
[Redacted], OR 97401, USA		ZPG62	24mo	\$0.00	1	\$375