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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: WC Docket No. 10-110

Burl Haar, Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: CenturyLink/Qwest Merger

Dear Mr. Haar,

I am writing on behalf of the Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce regarding the proposed merger of CenturyLink and Qwest Communications. The Chamber supports the merger and urges the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to approve the merger. Business and residential customers stand to benefit from increasingly innovative IP products and high-bandwidth services from the combined company.

The ongoing investment necessary to maintain, upgrade, and extend networks to meet broadband is enormous, especially in the current economic environment. Yet consumers are demanding more and more bandwidth to meet their needs. To better meet these demands, consolidation in the telecommunications industry has become essential to compete with larger national wireline companies as well as unregulated cable and wireless technologies.

The combined company will offer telecommunications services in 37 states and utilize a national network to deliver advanced services. While a national company, it will have a strong local presence that will meet the ever-growing needs of its customers here at home. CenturyLink has a proven track-record and business model that has operated successfully in Minnesota for many years.

The proposed merger clearly benefits North Dakota and Minnesota consumers by creating a financially stronger company that is better positioned to meet the telecommunications demands of tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Craig Whitney, President/CEO

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Re: WC Docket No. 10-110

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to you concerning the pending merger of Qwest and CenturyLink. MSI has been an Integra Telecom customer since 2003, and has been pleased with the consistent level of service that we have been receiving from Integra. It is critical to our business that we continue to receive reliable telecommunications and internet access services.

We are concerned that the service of all residents and businesses in our state which rely directly or indirectly on Qwest's network may be adversely affected by this merger. 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,

Glenn Eilers
Vice President of Service & Support
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cc: PUC Commissioners

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to express my support for the Federal Communications Commission's approval of the merger of CenturyLink and Quest. The combined resources of these two companies will enhance the communications infrastructure of North Dakota.

A strong communications infrastructure is vital to North Dakota's growing and increasingly more diversified economy. The combined forces of Quest and CenturyLink will create an even stronger environment for business, educational and residential consumers in both rural and urban areas of our state.

I understand that the U.S. Department of Justice and public utilities commissions in a number of states have already approved the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Hoeven".

John Hoeven
Governor

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Hon. Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

On behalf of the Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce and our more than 1900 member firms, I encourage you to support the proposed merger of CenturyLink and Qwest.

Qwest has a long and successful history of providing the Fargo-Moorhead area with reliable and innovative communications services. CenturyLink has a similar record in Minnesota. We believe the combination of these two companies will bring even greater benefits to their customers and our community.

- CenturyLink and Qwest will utilize their combined knowledge and experience to create a stronger company to participate in the increasingly competitive communications marketplace in Fargo-Moorhead, providing more choices for both residential and business customers.
- Consumers and businesses in North Dakota and Minnesota will benefit from the combined company's enhanced financial and operational resources for further network investment to support technology solutions that will help urban as well as rural areas achieve their economic development goals.
- The merger will help the combined company expand broadband availability in North Dakota and Minnesota and create a larger national broadband provider, delivering wider coverage, higher speeds, increased value, and more products and services than either company could offer alone.

Already, 9 public utility commissions have approved the merger. Approvals are required in 23 of the 37 states in which the combined company will operate. In addition, the Federal Communications Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice are reviewing the merger.

Bringing CenturyLink and Qwest together will significantly benefit the citizens of our state and enhance its economy. On behalf of the Fargo Moorhead Chamber, I strongly urge the FCC to give an expeditious review of this merger. With your timely approval, we can look forward to realizing the benefits that this combined company will provide.

Sincerely,

Craig Whitney, President/CEO