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## Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333

## Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Internet address: http://centurylink.com/disclosures/ Fiber-To-The-Home - Copper Retirement in North Dakota.

First Implementation Date: January 26, 2024 Original Date Posted: September 12, 2023

**Summary:** 

Copper Retirements are necessary to respond to various factors in the Outside Plant, including road construction, maintenance problems, and growth accommodation. Replacement cables may be either copper or fiber. Specific information will be provided with each disclosure.

Description of any changes in rates, terms or conditions that will accompany the planned change(s):

As a general matter, the retirement of these copper facilities will not result in changes to rates, terms and conditions in cases where the affected service is converted to a like-for-like service that is available on the replacement fiber or copper facilities. Interconnecting entities, however, should review the applicable tariff or agreement for certain terms that may apply specifically in cases where the service is provisioned on fiber. In cases where interconnecting entities elect to replace the affected service with an alternative service that CenturyLink QC offers on fiber facilities, the rates, terms and conditions will be as set forth in the tariff or agreement under which CenturyLink offers the replacement service that the interconnecting entity selects. CenturyLink, separately from this notice, will provide interconnecting entities with further information regarding service migration options that CenturyLink offers.

Locations, Timing of Deployments & Interface Requirements:

The following gives additional details on the copper retirement(s):

STATE	WIRE CENTER	PLANNED COMPLETION OR RETIREMENT DATE	DA (s)	Job#	Replacing
ND	Grand Forks GDFRNDBC	01/26/2024	Various	P.128554	Growth in the area requires CenturyLink to install Fiber Based Access to its customer. The copper loops will be replaced by fiber loops as customers migrate to higher speed Broadband Internet Access (BIA). Unbundled Copper Loops may not be available to an individual address after the planned completion/retirement date.  This is Fiber-To-The Home (FTTH) overlay architecture.

Additional Information: Any person desiring additional information in conjunction with this Public Notice can contact:

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