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FROM: Gary Duncan - Rate Analyst

RE: Data request in Docket D2014.11.91

Enclosed please find a data request of the Montana Public Service Commission to CenturyLink, numbered PSC-007 in the above-referenced docket. When responding, please restate the data request and identify the respondent. Additional discovery requirements are contained in the February 23, 2015 Procedural Order No. 7388c.

Respondent must file an original and four copies with the Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana 59620-2601. Responses must also be e-filed at <http://psc.mt.gov> (go to "Account Login/Registration" under the "Electronic Documents" tab).

If you have any questions regarding this discovery, please contact Gary Duncan on 406-444-6189, [gduncan@mt.gov](mailto:gduncan@mt.gov). Questions on the e-filing process should be directed to Sandy Scherer on 406-444-6180, [sscherer@mt.gov](mailto:sscherer@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Duncan".

Gary Duncan  
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Montana Public Service Commission

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF CenturyLink QC’s Service ) REGULATORY DIVISION  
and Its Response to Notice of Commission Action )  
in Docket N2014.3.38, Including Petition )  
for Waiver of Admin. R. Mont. 38.5.3371(7)(b) ) DOCKET NO. D2014.11.91

**DATA REQUEST PSC-007 OF THE**  
**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**TO**  
**QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC**

PSC-007

Regarding: CenturyLink QC Response to DR PSC-001 Exhibits 3 & 5  
Respondent: Unknown

Looking just at 2013 for sake of illustration, the exhibit shows \$270,334 in capital expenditures where 90-100% of the exchange is substantially unserved by an unsubsidized competitor. The exhibit next shows \$282,918 where 60% to 89% of the exchange is unserved, and finally it shows \$394,881 in CAF I Copay. The affidavit states that the CAF I Copay expenditures have been made in areas that are defined as currently unserved by an unsubsidized competitor as defined by the FCC. The three amounts total to \$948,133

- a. What is a CAF I Copay and what is your FCC obligation in that regard?
- b. Did CenturyLink QC receive any CAF Phase I support during the 2013 and Jan. – Aug. 2014 timeframes? If so, please provide the amounts received.
- c. Will the exchange investment amounts on Exhibit 5 total to the \$948,133 or to some other amount? Please explain.
- d. Is it a true statement to say that, regarding the use of FHCS, that the investments supported by FHCS equal the \$270,334 plus the \$282,918 while the CAF I Copay investment is another source of funding outside of FHCS? If not, please explain.
- e. Will Exhibit 5 identify the specific exchanges which were 90-100% unserved, 60-89% unserved, and funded by CAF I copay? If not, please provide a breakdown of which category each exchange listed on Exhibit 5 is in.