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October 23, 2014

Dr. Burl W. Haar  
Executive Secretary  
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission  
121 7th Place East, Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota between Wikstrom Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed for filing is the Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota between Wikstrom Telephone Company ("Wikstrom") and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink").

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

cc: Service List

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Beverly Jones Heydinger	Chair
David Boyd	Commissioner
Nancy Lange	Commissioner
Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
Betsy Wergin	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Joint Application by Wikstrom Telephone Company and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink for Approval of Agreement to Adopt Arbitrated Interconnection, Resale and Unbundled Elements Agreement Under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 252(i)

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

**JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL  
OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER § 252(i)**

Wikstrom Telephone Company (“Wikstrom”) and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) hereby submit to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) this Application for approval of the enclosed Negotiated Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) executed October 6, 2014, between Wikstrom and CenturyLink. In support of this Application, the parties state as follows:

I.

Wikstrom is incorporated in the State of Minnesota and received certification with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on June 1, 1998.

II.

CenturyLink is a Minnesota corporation and an incumbent local exchange carrier in Minnesota.

### III.

On October 6, 2014, Wikstrom and CenturyLink entered into an Agreement pursuant to §252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to adopt the interconnection agreement between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink and US Link dba TDS Metrocom. The Agreement is premised upon CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink's agreement with US Link dba TDS Metrocom approved by the Commission on April 8, 2014 in Docket No. P-465, 551/IC-14-194. This Agreement is submitted for approval pursuant to §252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"). A copy of the Agreement is attached.

### IV.

In accordance with §252(e) of the Act, the parties submit that this Agreement provides no basis for a finding of discrimination or contravention of the public interest.

First, the Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier. Further, CenturyLink is offering the same terms contained in the Agreement to all other interested carriers.

Second, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the Commission, the State of Minnesota, the FCC, and the United States Congress. The Agreement will permit resale of CenturyLink's services consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations of this Commission. Expedient approval of the Agreement will facilitate immediate competition in CenturyLink's local exchange services in Minnesota.

V.

In the interests of bringing the benefits of this agreement to the telecommunications customers of Minnesota as soon as possible, CenturyLink and Wikstrom request the Commission issue its order approving the Agreement at the earliest possible date.

VI.

All communications regarding this Application should be addressed to the following representatives:

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**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, Wikstrom and CenturyLink respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously process this matter and issue an order granting the Joint Application in its entirety.

Dated: October 23, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ Jason D. Topp  
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**Adoption of the  
Interconnection Agreement**

**By**

**Wikstrom Telephone Company**

**Adopting the  
Interconnection Agreement**

**Between**

**CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink**

**And**

**US Link Inc., dba TDS Metrocom**

**For the State of Minnesota**



### **Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement**

This Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), and Wikstrom Telephone Company ("CLEC"), each of which may be referred to herein as "Party", or collectively as "the Parties", to establish the terms, conditions and rates for local interconnection and the exchange of local traffic for the State of Minnesota.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Parties agree as follows:

#### **1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT**

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink and US Link Inc., dba TDS Metrocom, that was approved by the Commission in April 2014. ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement, including all amendments to that Adopted Agreement (the "Terms").
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the Terms of the Adopted Agreement and this Agreement, this Agreement will control.

#### **2. PARTY**

For the purposes of this Agreement, CLEC is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement for US Link Inc., dba TDS Metrocom.

#### **3. PROVISIONS**

- 3.1 The Terms of the US Link Inc., dba TDS Metrocom Agreement are being adopted in its entirety by CLEC pursuant to CLEC's statutory rights under Section 252(i). The filing and performance by CenturyLink of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any or all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CLEC's 252(i) election.
- 3.2 Should CLEC attempt to apply the adopted Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyLink reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

#### **4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM**

- 4.1 This Agreement, if an initial Agreement shall become effective on the date of Commission Approval ("Effective Date"); however the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement upon execution by both Parties. However, the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations may take up to 60 days to accommodate any required initial processes.
- 4.2 In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety beginning on the Effective Date. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under that prior Interconnection Agreement.
- 4.3 The expiration date of this Agreement shall be the expiration date of the Adopted Agreement, which is March 24, 2017.

**5. NOTICES**

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and communication hereunder will be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, postage paid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

**To CenturyLink:**

CenturyLink  
Director Wholesale Contracts  
930 15th Street, 6th Floor  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone: 303-672-2879  
Email: [intagree@centurylink.com](mailto:intagree@centurylink.com)

**With Copy to:**

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**6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

- 6.1 CLEC represents and warrants that it is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Minnesota.
- 6.2 The Parties will cooperate to file this Agreement with the Commission for approval and complete all attendant requirements of the Commission for such approval.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, CLEC and CenturyLink have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

**WIKSTROM TELEPHONE COMPANY**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Curtiss Wikstrom  
Printed Name

President  
Title

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Date

**CENTURYTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC. dba  
CENTURYLINK**

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L. T. Christensen  
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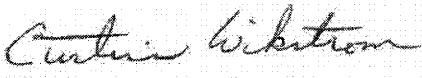
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 Signature  
 Curtiss Wikstrom  
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 President  
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 Title  
 10/3/2014  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

CENTURYTEL OF MINNESOTA, INC. dba CENTURYLINK

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 Signature  
 L. T. Christensen  
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 Printed Name  
 Director – Wholesale Contracts  
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