## STATE OF MINNESOTA BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Forged Fiber 37, LLC, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, CenturyLink of Minnesota, Inc. and CenturyLink Communications, LLC Regarding Transfer of Control of Lumen's Minnesota Mass Markets Fiber Business MPUC Docket No. P421,430, 5096/PA-25-279

## REPLY COMMENTS OF THE COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA – DISTRICT 7

The Communication Workers of America – District 7 ("CWA") respectfully submits these reply comments in response to the Commission's July 22, 2025, Revised Notice of Comment Period in the above-captioned docket.

Since filing our initial comments, CWA has reached a settlement with Lumen and AT&T that provides sufficient assurances satisfying all concerns previously raised by CWA in its comments filed on September 16. This transaction-related settlement, alongside Lumen's proposed settlement in Docket P421/C-20-432 addressing service quality, leads CWA to support the Commission's approval of the transaction.

Furthermore, CWA remains committed to advocating for universal service and ensuring that all Minnesotans have access to reliable telecommunications services.

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