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STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**NOTICE SOLICITING COMMENTS AND REPLY COMMENTS**

*Issued: October 1, 2014*

**In the matter of a Joint Petition by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC and Dex Media East, Inc., pursuant to Minn. State. § 237.081 Subd. 1, for a Variance of Rules 7810.2900 and 7812.0600 requiring distribution of a printed residential white pages directory to all customers served in Minnesota.**

**PUC Docket Number/s: P421/M-14-775**

**Comment Periods:** Initial comment period closes **October 24, 2014** at 4:30pm

Reply comment period closes **November 4, 2014** at 4:30pm

*Comments must be received by 4:30pm on the close date*

*Comments received after comment period close will not be accepted*

**Background**

On September 11, 2014 Qwest dba CenturyLink QC and Dex Media East, Inc., filed a joint petition, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.081, Subd. 1, for a variance of Minn. Rules 7810.2900 and 7812.0600 regarding the distribution of telephone directories in the territory and exchanges served by Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink in the State of Minnesota.

The petitioners indicated that CenturyLink has, by contract, delegated to Dex Media the directory publishing and distribution obligations. Dex Media East, Inc. filed a broader petition in Docket No. P-421/AM-12-1236 nearly two years ago requesting a waiver of these rules. The petitioners observe that although the earlier petition was denied by the Commission, potential benefits to eliminating unwanted directories were acknowledged and the Commission initiated a rulemaking (Docket No. U-999-R-13-459) to examine the need for saturation distribution of residential white pages directories on a state wide basis. In light of the time remaining in the rulemaking process, the petitioners request more immediate relief from their obligation to provide residential white pages directories on a saturation basis.

## Notice Soliciting Comments and Reply Comments

The Commission solicits comments and reply comments regarding this petition for waiver of the rules requiring distribution of a printed residential white pages directory to all customers. In particular, comments are requested on the adequacy and completeness of the proposed conditions, including the need for the petitioners to provide an electronic alternative to the printed residential white pages directory, the means by which customers would be notified of changes, and the means by which customers would inform the petitioners of their choice from among the options available.

Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michael McCarthy at [michael.mccarthy@state.mn.us](mailto:michael.mccarthy@state.mn.us) or 651-297-7073.

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