

October 6, 2025

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Ms. Sasha Bergman Executive Secretary Minnesota Public Utilities Commission 121 7th Place East, Suite 350 St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In re Joint Application of Forged Fiber 37, LLC, Qwest Corp. dba CenturyLink QC, CenturyLink of Minn., Inc. and CenturyLink Comm'ns, LLC Regarding Transfer

of Control of Lumen's Minn Mass Markets Fiber Business

MPUC Docket No. P421, 430, 5096/PA-25-279

Dear Ms. Bergman:

The Minnesota Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division (OAG) and the Minnesota Department of Commerce (DOC) submit this brief response to the reply comments of Forged Fiber 37, LLC and Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC, CenturyLink of Minnesota, Inc., and CenturyLink Communications, LLC (collectively, the "Applicants").

The Applicants provided various conditions as a Not Public attachment to reply comments. The OAG and DOC find these conditions lack support and are otherwise insufficient to render the transfer of control in the public interest. Nevertheless, the OAG and DOC are seeking further information from the Applicants regarding the substantive support for these conditions and exploring other potential conditions to which the Applicants may potentially agree. The OAG and DOC will update the Commission if their positions change as a result of these efforts.

By copy of this letter, all parties have been served. A Certificate of Service is also enclosed.

Sincerely, Sincerely,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, JUDY SIGAL, hereby certify that on the 6th day of October, 2025, I e-filed with eDockets a Letter from the Office of the Attorney General—Residential Utilities Division and Minnesota Department of Commerce to Executive Secretary Bergman and caused a true and correct copy of the same to be served upon all parties on the attached service list by electronic submission through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission eDockets website.

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