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March 26, 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 Intercarrier Compensation Reform Required by FCC Order MPUC Docket No. P-999/PR-14-15

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed for filing are CenturyLink's Comments regarding the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

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Dianne Barthel hereby certifies that on the 26th day of March, 2014, she e-filed a true and correct copy of CenturyLink's Comments by posting it on <u>www.edockets.state.mn.us</u>. Said document was also served via U.S. mail and e-mail as designated on the Official Service List on file with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

/s/ Dianne Barthel Dianne Barthel

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of March, 2014.

/s/ LeAnn M. Cammarata Notary Public

My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2015

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CENTURYLINK'S COMMENTS

CenturyLink submits this response to the Commission's Notice of Comment Period Regarding Procedures for Filing 2014 Access Rate Reductions dated March 12, 2014 in the above-referenced matter. CenturyLink appreciates the Department of Commerce's ("Department") proposed methodology in light of a confusing Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Order. However, CenturyLink believes that the Department's calculation methodology conflicts with the methodology the FCC will require.

The FCC has indicated it plans to issue a clarification order detailing its required methodology by the end of March. CenturyLink urges the Commission to follow the FCC's process. In order to do so, the Commission could issue an order now requiring companies to follow FCC methodology. Alternatively, CenturyLink urges the Commission to delay a decision until after the FCC clarifies its required methodology. At that time, CenturyLink urges the Commission to order a Minnesota methodology that reflects the FCC's revised methodology.

Dated this 26th day of March, 2014.

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/s/ Jason D. Topp

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