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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Chair and Members of the Commission

FROM: Kevin Neilson, Regulatory Policy Administrator

SUBJECT: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF DELAWARE (FILED FEBRUARY 6, 2015) - PSC DOCKET NO. 15-0688

CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc. (“CPCI” or the “Company”) has applied (“Application”) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPCN”) to provide telecommunications services to the public within the State of Delaware. The Delaware Public Service Commission staff (“Staff”) has reviewed the Application to determine its compliance with Delaware Law and the Rules and Regulations promulgated in 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §4001.

To demonstrate its financial capability, CPCI provided to Staff verified consolidated financial statements of CenturyLink, Inc. (“CenturyLink”), CPCI’s parent, reflecting its financial status as of September 30, 2014.

To demonstrate its technical and operational capabilities, CPCI provided Staff with background information of its principal officers and employees.

Pursuant to 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §4001-4.3, a copy of the Application was provided to the Division of the Public Advocate, and public notice of the Application was published in The News Journal newspaper on March 5, 2015. Staff reports that it received no formal comments or objections to CPCI’s Application for a CPCN.

As part of its Application, CPCI requested a waiver of the provisions of 26 *Del. C.* §208(b) so that it may maintain its books and records relating to its Delaware operations outside of the State of Delaware. Staff believes that the waiver request is reasonable and recommends that the Commission grant the requested waiver. In addition, CPCI requested a waiver of any Uniform System of Accounts accounting requirements so that it may maintain its books consistent with General Accepted Accounting Principles. 26 *Del. Admin. C.* §4001-10.2 has been removed from the regulations and therefore no waiver is required.

Based on Staff's review and analysis, CPCI has shown that it has the financial, operational, and technical means to provide telecommunications services in Delaware. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission grant CenturyLink Public Communications, Inc. a CPCN to provide telecommunications services within the State of Delaware.