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## ***Public Notice No. 865***

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### **Public Notice of Copper Retirement Under Rule 51.333**

**Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC Internet address:**

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**Copper Retirement in North Dakota**

**First Implementation Date: May 21, 2024**

**Original Date Posted: February 20, 2024**

**Summary:**

Copper retirements are necessary to respond to various factors in the Outside Plant, including road construction, maintenance problems, and growth accommodation. Specific information will be provided with each disclosure.

Because of flood wall and embankment repairs, the City of Fargo, ND, has mandated that CenturyLink move certain copper facilities. As a result, CenturyLink will be retiring copper facilities in certain areas, as detailed below. Those copper facilities will not be available after the First Implementation Date. Therefore, due to circumstances outside its control, CenturyLink cannot comply with the 90-day notice period set forth in Section 51.333(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(b)(2). Pursuant to Section 51.333(g)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 51.333(g)(2), CenturyLink is providing notice of this network change as soon as practicable and, to the extent necessary, is entitled to a reduced waiting period commensurate with these circumstances.

CenturyLink will minimize the impact of the reduced waiting period on directly interconnected telephone exchange service providers by proactively working with those providers to address any concerns arising from this network change. To date, no provider has contacted CenturyLink about this issue in response to CenturyLink's original copper retirement posting.

**Locations, Timing of Deployments & Interface Requirements:**

The following gives additional details on the copper retirement(s):

STATE	WIRE CENTER	PLANNED COMPLETION OR RETIREMENT DATE	Serving Terminal	County	Details
ND	Fargo, ND FARGNDBC	05-21-2024	Cross Box CCT900-7	Cass County	The City of Fargo has mandated that CenturyLink relocate its copper feeder facilities, which are currently interfering with flood wall and embankment repairs in this area. CenturyLink will comply with this mandate by retiring the original copper feeder facilities and replacing them with a fiber fed Digital Loop Carrier system in a new location. This retirement will have no impact on the copper distribution facilities used to serve customers in this area.

**Additional Information:**

Any person desiring additional technical information in conjunction with this Disclosure can contact:

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