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**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF THE COMMISSION STAFF FOR AN ) CASE NO. GNR-T-16-04  
ORDER APPROVING THE DISPOSITION )  
OF TIER 2 FUNDS FROM THE QWEST ) APPLICATION OF THE  
PERFORMANCE ASSURANCE PLAN (QPAP ) COMMISSION STAFF  
OR PLAN) )  
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The Commission Staff files this Application requesting that the Commission authorize the disbursement of the remaining balance of Tier 2 funds under the Qwest Performance Assurance Plan (QPAP) to fund two telecommunication projects: (1) an expansion of the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline administered by the Idaho Department of Health & Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health; and (2) the development of standardized training and certification for 911 dispatchers by the Idaho Emergency Communications Commission, through the Idaho Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) Academy. Staff proposes that remaining balance of the QPAP fund in the amount of \$89,710 be equally distributed to these two projects.

Staff recommends that this Application be processed under Modified Procedure pursuant to Rule 201, *et seq.*, and requests that written comments regarding the Application be filed within 21 days.

**BACKGROUND**

Section 271 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 established procedures for CenturyLink's predecessor Qwest Corporation (commonly referred to as a Bell Operating Company (BOC)) to obtain authorization from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)