

Docket Number: TC25-004
Subject Matter: First Data Request
Request to: Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink or Company)
Request from: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff
Date of Request: May 15, 2025
Responses Due: May 21, 2025

- 1-1. Provide a copy of the notification that was sent to customers. Which customers received this notification and when was it sent?
Notification was sent to all Wholesale customers on May 2, 2025. Copy attached.
- 1-2. Confirm this change is being requested in all CenturyLink jurisdictions, including the FCC.
Confirmed. The FCC filing for CenturyLink Operating Companies (Transmittal No. 136) was made on May 16, 2025 with an effective date of May 31, 2025.
- 1-3. How many customers will be impacted by this proposed change in South Dakota?
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- 1-4. How much is the monthly bill increase for a typical customer?
There is no typical customer, as each customer's Shared Use Billing is completely dependent upon the type of circuit the customer has and the portion of the transport facility the customer utilizes for Private Line Transport, Switched Transport, and CCSAC/SS7. Therefore, there is not an average amount of change in billing.
- However, Intrastate customers will see a decrease to their monthly switched trunk rates due to the removal of the Percent of interstate Usage (PIU). Estimated Intrastate monthly revenue decreases (based on Marh 2025 usage) will range from \$(29) to \$(5,336).
- 1-5. Explain what necessitated this change and if customers were getting undercharged prior to this change.
The change was not driven by an underbilling of the service, but by the need to eliminate the complex and costly operational support needed to maintain this type of billing arrangement. There is a need to simplify these products as they progress towards end of service, and Lumen is following AT&T and Verizon in eliminating Shared Use Billing arrangement.
- 1-6. Provide a copy of the FCC order (and point to the section) that authorizes CenturyLink to make these proposed changes.
Attached is the BDS Order FCC 17-43 that adjusts regulatory structures. Specifically, Paragraph 285 and footnote 722 and 723 address shared use in private and common carriage classifications. Lumen filed similar tariff revisions with the FCC on May 16, 2025 to be effective on May 31, 2025. This follows FCC tariff filings provided by AT&T and Verizon in the past year. Examples: ATT Bell South TL 190 and Verizon TL1443.