

## INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT made this 10 day of August, 2015, by and between Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, party of the first part, hereinafter called "CenturyLink," and the City of Minneapolis, a Minnesota Municipal Corporation, party of the second part, hereinafter called "City."

### WITNESSETH:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Minneapolis has awarded to Qwest Broadband Services, Inc. a franchise for the operation of a cable communications system in the City of Minneapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has required, as a condition of its award of a cable communications franchise, that it be indemnified with respect to all claims and actions arising from the award of said franchise,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing promises and the mutual promises contained in this agreement and in consideration of entering into a cable television franchise agreement and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, CenturyLink hereby agrees, at its sole cost and expense, to fully indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City, its officers, boards, commissions, employees and agents against any and all claims, suits, actions, liabilities and judgments for damages, cost or expense (including, but not limited to, court and appeal costs and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements assumed or incurred by the City in connection therewith) arising out of the actions of the City in granting a franchise to CenturyLink. This includes any claims by another franchised cable operator against the City that the terms and conditions of the CenturyLink franchise are less burdensome than another franchise granted by the City or that the CenturyLink Franchise does not satisfy the requirements of applicable federal, state, or local law(s). The indemnification provided for herein shall not extend or apply to any acts of the City constituting a violation or breach by the City of the contractual provisions of the franchise ordinance, unless such acts are the result of a change in applicable law, the order of a court or administrative agency, or are caused by the acts of CenturyLink.

The City shall give CenturyLink reasonable notice of the making of any claim or the commencement of any action, suit or other proceeding covered by this agreement. The City shall cooperate with CenturyLink in the defense of any such action, suit or other proceeding at the request of CenturyLink. The City may participate in the defense of a claim, but if CenturyLink provides a defense at CenturyLink's expense then CenturyLink shall not be liable for any attorneys' fees, expenses or other costs that City may incur if it chooses to participate in the defense of a claim, unless and until separate representation is required. If separate representation to fully protect the interests of both parties is or becomes necessary, such as a conflict of interest, in accordance with the Minnesota Rules of Professional Conduct, between the City and the counsel selected by CenturyLink to represent the City, CenturyLink shall pay, from the date such separate representation is required forward, all reasonable expenses incurred by the City in defending itself with regard to any action,

suit or proceeding indemnified by CenturyLink. Provided, however, that in the event that such separate representation is or becomes necessary, and City desires to hire counsel or any other outside experts or consultants and desires CenturyLink to pay those expenses, then City shall be required to obtain CenturyLink's consent to the engagement of such counsel, experts or consultants, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties agree that the City may utilize at any time, at its own cost and expense, its own City Attorney or outside counsel with respect to any claim brought by another franchised cable operator as described in this agreement.

The provisions of this agreement shall not be construed to constitute an amendment of the cable communications franchise ordinance or any portion thereof, but shall be in addition to and independent of any other similar provisions contained in the cable communications franchise ordinance or any other agreement of the parties hereto. The provisions of this agreement shall not be dependent or conditioned upon the validity of the cable communications franchise ordinance or the validity of any of the procedures or agreements involved in the award or acceptance of the franchise, but shall be and remain a binding obligation of the parties hereto even if the cable communications franchise ordinance or the grant of the franchise is declared null and void in a legal or administrative proceeding.

It is the purpose of this agreement to provide maximum indemnification to City under the terms set out herein and, in the event of a dispute as to the meaning of this Indemnity Agreement, it shall be construed, to the greatest extent permitted by law, to provide for the indemnification of the City by CenturyLink. This agreement shall be a binding obligation of and shall inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their successor's and assigns, if any.

**QWEST BROADBAND SERVICES, INC.**

Dated: 10 August, 2015

By:   
Its: SVP Public Policy and Regulatory

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this August 10<sup>th</sup> day of 2015, by John Jones, the Senior Vice President of Qwest Broadband Services, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Carrick B. Fnabnett  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Print Name: Carrick B. Fnabnett  
Bar Roll#/Notary ID# 21635  
My Commission Expires: Death

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By Sandra Christensen  
Its Finance Officer/Enterprise Contract  
Administrator/City Purchasing Agent

Department Head Responsible  
For Monitoring Contract

[Signature]

Approved as to form:

[Signature]  
Assistant City Attorney  
Deputy