

**CENTURYLINK DOMESTIC ETHERNET PRIVATE LINE
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT**

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The following Service Level Agreement (“SLA”) is offered to existing and new Qwest Communications Company, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC (“CenturyLink”) Customers who purchase new CenturyLink Domestic Ethernet Private Line Service (“EPL”) under a CenturyLink Total Advantage Agreement, CenturyLink Loyal Advantage Agreement, or CenturyLink Connect Agreement (individually “Agreement”) and this SLA. CenturyLink EPL Service and this SLA are offered on an individual case basis subject to availability; additional terms and conditions apply. The SLA coverage will extend for the term of the eligible circuit as indicated on the CenturyLink order form.

CenturyLink EPL Service is a point-to-point, InterLATA, dedicated, non-switched, full duplex data transmission service that complies with Ethernet over SONET standards for the carriage of InterLATA and interstate Ethernet traffic over a physical medium between two CenturyLink SONET POPs located on the CenturyLink Domestic Network (“Service” or “Circuit”). Service is subject to availability at Mbps transmission rates of 50, 100, 150, 600, and 1000. Service supports 100Base TX, 1000Base LX, and 1000Base SX hand-offs as defined in IEEE 802.3 standards. Additional speeds may be available on an ICB. Service extends to and includes the network equipment maintained by CenturyLink at the designated interface demarcation points located in the CenturyLink POPs. Customer access to service requires a CenturyLink Local Access Service Exhibit that includes compatible Ethernet Local Access service.

CenturyLink EPL Service is available to Customers in the domestic U.S. subject to facilities availability. SONET equipment or routers needed to terminate circuits. Installation, expedite, local access, and extended wiring charges may apply.

1. Definitions

“Calendar Month” refers to the period beginning at 12:00 midnight on the first day of a month and ending at 11:59PM on the last day of that month.

“Customer” is a business customer that orders the Service from CenturyLink pursuant to an Agreement.

“End to End” means Service between two Customer facilities in which the Circuit is on: (a) the CenturyLink Domestic Network; and (b) Leased Local Access. End to End Service extends to and includes network termination points at the applicable Customer premises but does not include premises equipment and inside wiring.

“Leased Local Access” means CenturyLink-provided local access circuits ordered and leased from another carrier (specific carrier chosen is at the discretion of CenturyLink), facilitated and managed by CenturyLink on behalf of Customer.

“On-Net Local Access” means local access circuits provided solely on CenturyLink Facilities.

“POP” means a CenturyLink designated point of presence at a location where direct interconnection between the CenturyLink Domestic Network and the network of another carrier is possible.

“POP to POP” means Service provided to Customer between two POPs on the CenturyLink Domestic Network and includes On-Net Local Access Service.

“CenturyLink Domestic Network” is the network located within those areas in the 48 contiguous United States of America and District of Columbia where CenturyLink is legally permitted to provide the Service to Customer and is comprised only of CenturyLink Facilities.

“CenturyLink Facilities” means: (a) physical media, including, circuits and/or ports that are owned and operated by: (a) CenturyLink; or (b) a wholly or partially owned subsidiary of CenturyLink; or (b) interexchange circuits that are owned and operated by an interexchange carrier other than CenturyLink, but secured by CenturyLink to provide the Service. CenturyLink Facilities do not include Leased Local Access or any Customer premises equipment or circuits provided by Customer.

2. Availability Objective

CenturyLink offers the following SLA for EPL Service with a minimum one year Service term. The SLA is effective as of the first day of the second month after initial installation and Customer acceptance of Service.

Customer will, subject to the terms, exclusions and restrictions described in this SLA, be entitled to receive from CenturyLink a credit if the availability (“Circuit Availability”) of a particular Circuit for any Calendar Month falls below the percentage shown in the applicable credit schedule included in this section. The Service will, for purposes of this document, be deemed to be unavailable to Customer only if the Circuit (“Affected Circuit”) is subject to an interruption (other than as noted in this SLA) that results in the total disruption of the Service (“Outage”).

The credit (“Outage Credit”) to which Customer may be entitled under this section will be equal to the applicable credit percentage identified in the table below of Customer’s monthly recurring charges (“MRCs”) for the Affected Circuit after application of any credits or discounts (“Eligible Circuit Charges”). The Outage Credit will not include credits on any other MRCs charged to Customer for any other service, with the exception of On-Net or Leased Local Access Service associated with the Affected Circuit.

Circuit Availability Percentage is calculated as follows:

$$\left[\frac{(\text{Applicable Days in Calendar Month} \times 24 \times 60) - (\text{Minutes of Outage on Affected Circuit in Calendar Month})}{(\text{Applicable Days in Calendar Month} \times 24 \times 60)} \right] \times 100$$

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For purposes of measuring Customer's Circuit Availability, the CenturyLink Trouble Management System determines the number of minutes of an Outage. An Outage will be deemed to commence upon verifiable notification by Customer to the CenturyLink Trouble Management System, and CenturyLink's issuance of a trouble ticket. An Outage will conclude upon the restoration of the Affected Circuit as evidenced by the appropriate network tests conducted by CenturyLink.

Credit Schedule for POP-to-POP Service		
Circuit Availability		Amount of Credit (as a % of the Eligible Circuit Charges for the Affected Circuit)
Upper Level	Lower Level	
100%	99.999%	0%
< 99.999%	99.99%	5%
< 99.99%	99.9%	10%
< 99.9%	99.5%	25%
< 99.5%	0%	50%

Subject to the terms, exclusions, and restrictions described in this SLA, in the event Customer experiences chronic Outages with respect to any Circuit, Customer will be entitled to terminate the Affected Circuit. A Circuit suffers from chronic Outages if such Circuit, measured over any Calendar Month, experiences more than five Outages, or more than 48 aggregate hours of Outages. Customer may as its sole and exclusive remedy for chronic Outages, upon 30 days prior written notice to CenturyLink, terminate the Affected Circuit without incurring any early termination charges associated with that Affected Circuit except for all usage charges accrued to the date of termination. Customer must exercise any termination right available to it under this section within 30 days after Customer first becomes eligible to exercise the termination right. In the event Customer fails to comply with the condition set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, Customer will, with respect to the termination right, have waived its right to such termination right.

3. Terms and Conditions

CenturyLink is offering the Service in accordance with the CenturyLink Rate and Services Schedule and any applicable state tariffs. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this document and the Rate and Services Schedule, the terms of this document will control.

To be eligible for an Outage Credit under this SLA, Customer must, in addition to complying with the other terms included in this SLA: (a) be in good standing with CenturyLink and current in their obligations, other than those invoices that are recognized as being in dispute; and (b) submit necessary supporting documentation and request reimbursement or credits under this SLA within 30 days of the conclusion of the service month in which the requisite unavailability occurs. In the event Customer fails to comply with the condition set forth in the immediately preceding sentence, Customer will, with respect to that remedy, have waived its right to such remedy.

CenturyLink will determine the Outage Credits provided to Customer by totaling the eligible Outage minutes throughout the Calendar Month on an Affected Circuit, subject to the restrictions and exclusions in this SLA. Outage Credits for any Calendar Month must exceed \$25.00 to be processed. In no case will CenturyLink provide credit to Customer for an Affected Circuit that exceeds the monthly recurring charge or the stated applicable maximum credit percentage. Customer may receive Outage Credits for a particular Affected Circuit for a maximum of four months in any 12 month period.

CenturyLink will give notice to Customer of any scheduled maintenance as early as is practicable and a scheduled outage will under no circumstances be viewed as an Outage hereunder.

The remedies included in this SLA are Customer's sole and exclusive remedies for disruption of the Service and will apply in lieu of any other service interruption guarantee or credit, outage guarantee or credit, or performance credit for which Customer might have otherwise been eligible. If Customer receives an Outage Credit, Customer is not entitled to receive any other credit that may be available under the CenturyLink Local Access Service provided or ordered by CenturyLink on behalf of Customer for the Affected Circuit in that Calendar Month.

Except as provided herein for certain CenturyLink Local Access Service, the objectives and related remedies set forth in this document will not apply to CenturyLink services other than the EPL Service.

4. Restrictions and Exclusions

An Outage will not be deemed to have occurred in the event that the Service is unavailable or impaired due to any of the following:

- (a) Interruptions on a Circuit that is not an "Accepted Circuit" where an Accepted Circuit is one that has been accepted or deemed accepted following provisioning of an installation order or change order;
- (b) Interruptions caused by the negligence, error, or omission of Customer or others authorized by Customer to use or modify Customer's service;
- (c) Interruptions due to failure of power at Customer premises or failure or poor performance of Customer premises equipment;

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- (d) Interruptions during any period in which CenturyLink or its agents are not afforded access to the premises where the access lines associated with Customer's service are terminated, provided such access is reasonably necessary to prevent a degradation or to restore service;
- (e) Interruptions during any period when CenturyLink has posted on the CenturyLink Web site or communicated to Customer in any other manner that Customer's service will be unavailable for maintenance or rearrangement purposes, or Customer has released the service to CenturyLink for the installation of a Customer service order;
- (f) Interruptions during any period when Customer elects not to release the Circuit for testing and/or repair and continues to use it on an impaired basis;
- (g) Interruptions resulting from force majeure events beyond the reasonable control of CenturyLink including, but not limited to, acts of God, government regulation, labor strikes, national emergency or war (declared or undeclared);
- (h) Interruptions resulting from Customer's use of Service in an unauthorized or unlawful manner;
- (i) Interruptions resulting from a CenturyLink disconnect for Customer's breach of a term set forth in the agreement pursuant to which CenturyLink is providing the service to Customer;
- (j) Interruptions resulting from incorrect, incomplete or inaccurate orders from Customer;
- (k) Interruptions due to improper or inaccurate network specifications provided by Customer;
- (l) Interruptions resulting from a failure of a carrier other than CenturyLink providing local access circuits except when CenturyLink has ordered Leased Local Access on Customer's behalf; or
- (m) Special configurations of the standard Service that have been mutually agreed to by CenturyLink and Customer; provided, however, CenturyLink may provide a separate service level agreement to Customer for those special configurations.