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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: CenturyLink's Notice of Acceptance of Connect America Fund  
Phase I Incremental Support

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On April 25, 2012, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") notified price cap carriers, including CenturyLink, of their eligible portion of the Connect America Fund Phase I (CAF Phase I). The Commission allowed 90 days after the release of its Public Notice for carriers to file notices stating the amount of support each wishes to accept, and the areas by wire center and census block in which the carrier intends to deploy broadband to meet its obligation. The FCC required notices to be filed with the FCC and the relevant state commissions.

Pursuant to the FCC established notice requirements, CenturyLink is pleased to provide the North Dakota Public Service Commission the attached information on its acceptance of CAF Phase I funding that will be used to deploy broadband to locations in North Dakota.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Blickensderfer".

Kent Blickensderfer  
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosures

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**Notice of Acceptance of CAF Phase I incremental support**

July 24, 2012

**CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT**

CenturyLink hereby notifies the North Dakota Public Service Commission that it has accepted \$64,325 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2012 to be used to deploy broadband to locations in North Dakota. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 83 locations in North Dakota. Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in North Dakota. Attachment B identifies by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement. CenturyLink will provide additional data for such locations, including 2010 Census Block FIPS code, NECA Company Code (OCN), Study Area Code, wire center CLLI code, latitude, and longitude, when such information becomes available, which shall be no later than one year from the date of this letter. The attached file contains blanks for columns for which no data are currently available.

Further, CenturyLink hereby provides additional information on the estimated Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for North Dakota if CenturyLink's waiver petition filed with the FCC on June 26, 2012 is granted.<sup>1</sup> If CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted as filed, CenturyLink would accept CAF Phase I support of \$705,250 and deploy broadband to 910 locations in North Dakota. Attachment C identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in North Dakota assuming CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted. Attachment D identifies by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement if CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted.

Finally, CenturyLink is providing as Attachment E the certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3) related to its acceptance of the CAF Phase I support discussed above.

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<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink's waiver petition requested a limited waiver of 47 C.F.R. §54.312(b), which requires CAF I recipients to deploy broadband service to locations "shown as unserved by fixed broadband on the then-current version of the National Broadband Map."

CenturyLink  
CAF I Amounts by Company

Attachment A

| State | Company         | Address   | SAC    | SPIN      | Amount    |
|-------|-----------------|---|--------|-----------|-----------|
| ND    | Qwest Corp - ND | 100 CenturyLink Drive<br>ATTN: Lisa Grantham Mailstop DH001L0101-1NW702<br>Monroe, LA 71201 | 385144 | 143005231 | \$ 64,325 |





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CAF I Amounts by Company  
Including Impacts from Grant of Waiver on Wireless Broadband Issues

| State | Company         | Address   | SAC    | SPIN      | Amount     |
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| ND    | Qwest Corp - ND | 100 CenturyLink Drive<br>ATTN: Lisa Grantham Mailstop DH001L0101-1NW702<br>Monroe, LA 71201 | 385144 | 143005231 | \$ 705,250 |



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**Estimated Location of CAF Phase 1 Investment  
in North Dakota if Requested Waiver is Granted**





































CERTIFICATION  
FOR CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT  
WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 05-337

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3), the undersigned certifies that

- (1) the locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirement associated with these funds, identified by wire center and 2010 Census block ID in the attached files, are shown, on the current version of the National Broadband Map (as of April 25, 2012, the date the Commission announced the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I Incremental Support amounts), as unserved by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than: (a) CenturyLink or an affiliate, or (b) if CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted in full, a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) in a geographic area for which the Commission grants such relief;<sup>1</sup>
- (2) to the best of the knowledge of CenturyLink, these locations are, in fact, unserved by fixed broadband (other than possibly by a WISP for which the Commission grants CenturyLink waiver relief if the Commission does so);
- (3) CenturyLink's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment requirement; and
- (4) this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation.

Sincerely,



Jeff Glover  
Vice President  
Regulatory Operations

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<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink Petition for Waiver, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, GN Docket No. 09-51, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, WT Docket No. 10-208, filed June 26, 2012.