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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary

600 E Boulevard

North Dakota Public Service Commission

Bismarck, ND 58505

Re: Qwest Corporation-North Dakota ETC Filing

Dear Mr Nitschke:

On November 18, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. With that Order, and subsequent clarification Orders, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file with the FCC and the relevant state commissions by July 1 of each year. The process culminates, pursuant to 47 C.F.R 54.314, with an annual certification by state commissions, or a self-certification in the case of federally designated ETCs, required for the continued receipt by ETCs of support from the high cost program.

In North Dakota, Qwest Corporation-North Dakota dba CenturyLink has received federal support only from the Interstate Access Support ("IAS") portion of the federal high cost program. As a result, CenturyLink has certified as required by 47 C.F.R. 54.809 its use of IAS directly to the FCC rather than the North Dakota Public Service Commission in past years. Beginning in 2012, for price cap carriers such as CenturyLink, the FCC has frozen high cost support at the 2011 level and has combined all high cost programs into a single monthly frozen high cost support amount including IAS. In addition, the FCC eliminated the 47 C.F.R. 54.809 IAS certification requirement effective with its Transformation Order.

Therefore, for 2012 the certification process for the continued receipt of federal high cost support for ETCs like CenturyLink that have not received funds subject to state certification is somewhat unclear.

The continued receipt of these funds is important. Since it is unclear whether, absent state action, the support will continue CenturyLink is requesting that the North Dakota Public Service Commission include CenturyLink in its October 1, 2012 certification to the FCC pursuant 47 C.F.R 54.314.

In support of this certification, CenturyLink is providing the attached officer Affidavit Certifying to the Use of Interstate Access Support which is consistent with the certification previously required by the FCC regarding IAS support. In addition, for your information, attached is a copy of the certification filed with the FCC on July 2, 2012 as part of CenturyLink's federal ETC filing in response to 47 C.F.R. 54.313.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent Blickensderfer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kent Blickensderfer

State of Louisiana)
) ss North Dakota Public Service Commission 2012 ETC
 Parish of Ouachita) Certification to the FCC for 2013 Federal Universal
 Service Support

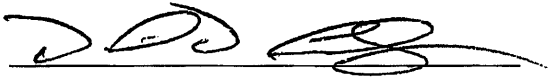
Affidavit of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC

I, David D. Cole, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath and under penalty of perjury, state that I am the Senior Vice President for Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink, Inc. and that I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("Company"), study area code 385144, and the facts set forth in this affidavit are accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The Company hereby certifies that:

- 1) All federal universal service support, including Interstate Access Support, was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

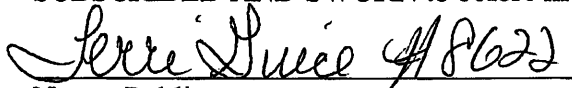
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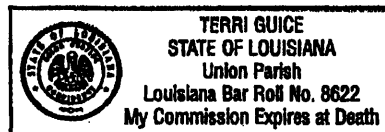
DATED this 6th day of September, 2012

David D. Cole
Senior Vice President and Controller
CenturyLink
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203-2041

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 6th day of September, 2012


Notary Public

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Printed Name of Notary Public



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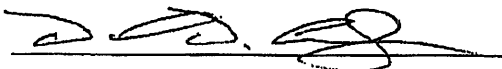
AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING
COMPLIANCE WITH §54.313(a)(5) AND §54.313(a)(6)

For the CenturyLink ETCs operating in the states as listed in Appendix A, I, David D. Cole, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath and under penalty of perjury, state that I am the Senior Vice President for Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink, Inc. ("Company") and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are accurate to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

The Company hereby certifies to the respective State Regulatory Commission, pursuant to the requirements under 47 C.F.R. §54.313(a)(5) and §54.313(a)(6) that:

- 1) CenturyLink has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with applicable consumer protection rules.
- 2) CenturyLink has established operating procedures designed to facilitate compliance with service quality standards which may include customer remedies and improvement plans. CenturyLink also reports service quality metrics to State Commissions as applicable.
- 3) CenturyLink is able to remain functional in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2), and
- 4) all federal universal service support provided to CenturyLink ETCs in their respective states was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

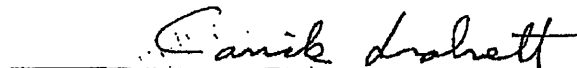
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



DATED this 21st day of JUNE 2012

David D. Cole
SVP – Operations Support and Controller
CenturyLink
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 21st day of June, 2012



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Appendix A

Listing of CenturyLink Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

COMPANY NAME	DBA NAME	Study Area Code	State(s) of Operation
CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC (Northern)	CenturyLink	259789	AL
CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC (Southern)	CenturyLink	259788	AL
Gulf Telephone Company	CenturyLink	250298	AL
CenturyTel of Arkansas, Inc.	CenturyLink	401705	AR
CenturyTel of Central Arkansas, LLC	CenturyLink	401144	AR
CenturyTel of Mountain Home, Inc.	CenturyLink	401711	AR
CenturyTel of Redfield, Inc.	CenturyLink	401720	AR
CenturyTel of South Arkansas, Inc.	CenturyLink	401727	AR, LA
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC (Russellville)	CenturyLink	401142	AR, MO, OK
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC (Siloam Springs)	CenturyLink	401143	AR, OK
Qwest Corporation (Arizona)	CenturyLink QC	455101	AZ
CenturyTel of Colorado, Inc.	CenturyLink	462208	CO
Qwest Corporation (Colorado)	CenturyLink QC	465102	CO
The El Paso County Telephone Company	None	462187	CO
CenturyTel of Eagle, Inc.	CenturyLink	462185	CO, UT
Embarq Florida, Inc.	CenturyLink	210341	FL
Coastal Utilities, Inc.	CenturyLink	220356	GA
Qwest Corporation (Iowa)	CenturyLink QC	355141	IA
CenturyTel of Postville, Inc.	CenturyLink	351274	IA
CenturyTel of Chester, Inc.	CenturyLink	351126	IA, MN
CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc.	CenturyLink	472225	ID
CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. (Idaho)	CenturyLink	472223	ID
Qwest Corporation (Northern Idaho)	CenturyLink QC	475162	ID
Qwest Corporation (Southern Idaho)	CenturyLink QC	475103	ID
Gallatin River Communications, LLC	CenturyLink	341057	IL
CenturyTel of Central Indiana, Inc.	CenturyLink	320747	IN
CenturyTel of Odon, Inc.	CenturyLink	320801	IN
United Telephone Company of Indiana, Inc.	CenturyLink	320832	IN, OH
United Telephone Company of Eastern Kansas	CenturyLink	411317	KS

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United Telephone Company of Kansas	None	411842	KS
COMPANY NAME	DBA NAME	Study Area Code	State(s) of Operation
United Telephone Company of Southcentral Kansas	CenturyLink	411317	KS
Embarq Missouri, Inc. (Kansas)	CenturyLink	411957	KS
CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, LLC	CenturyLink	270423	LA
CenturyTel of Chatham, LLC	CenturyLink	270427	LA
CenturyTel of East Louisiana, LLC	CenturyLink	270440	LA
CenturyTel of Evangeline, LLC	CenturyLink	270434	LA
CenturyTel of North Louisiana, LLC	CenturyLink	270436	LA
CenturyTel of Ringgold, LLC	CenturyLink	270439	LA
CenturyTel of Southeast Louisiana, LLC	CenturyLink	270424	LA
CenturyTel of Southwest Louisiana, LLC	CenturyLink	270442	LA
CenturyTel of Northwest Louisiana, Inc.	CenturyLink	270431	LA, AR, TX
CenturyTel Midwest - Michigan, Inc.	CenturyLink	310671	MI
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.	CenturyLink	310702	MI
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc.	CenturyLink	310705	MI
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc.	CenturyLink	310689	MI
CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc.	CenturyLink	361445	MN
Embarq Minnesota, Inc.	CenturyLink	361456	MN
Qwest Corporation (Minnesota)	CenturyLink QC	365142	MN
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (Belle-Herman)	CenturyLink	429785	MO
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (Central)	CenturyLink	429784	MO
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (Southern)	CenturyLink	429786	MO
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (Southwest)	CenturyLink	429787	MO
Spectra Communications Group, LLC	CenturyLink	421151	MO
Embarq Missouri, Inc.	CenturyLink	421957	MO, IA
CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc.	None	280458	MS
CenturyTel of Montana, Inc.	CenturyLink	482249	MT
Qwest Corporation (Montana)	CenturyLink QC	485104	MT
Central Telephone Company (North Carolina)	CenturyLink	230471	NC
Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC	CenturyLink Carolina	230470	NC
Mebtel, Inc.	CenturyLink	230485	NC
Qwest Corporation (North Dakota)	CenturyLink QC	385144	ND
Qwest Corporation (Nebraska)	CenturyLink QC	375143	NE
United Telephone Company of the West (Nebraska)	CenturyLink	371595	NE

COMPANY NAME	DBA NAME	Study Area Code	State(s) of Operation
United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc.	CenturyLink	160138	NJ
CenturyTel of the Southwest, Inc.	CenturyLink	492274	NM
Qwest Corporation (New Mexico)	CenturyLink QC	495105	NM
Central Telephone Company (Nevada)	CenturyLink	552348	NV
CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. (Nevada)	CenturyLink	552223	NV
CenturyTel of Ohio, Inc.	CenturyLink	300630	OH
United Telephone Company of Ohio	CenturyLink	300661	OH
CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc.	CenturyLink	532361	OR
Qwest Corporation (Oregon)	CenturyLink QC	535163	OR
United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Oregon)	CenturyLink	532400	OR
CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc.	CenturyLink	532361	OR, CA
United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC, The	CenturyLink	170209	PA
United Telephone Company of the Carolinas LLC	CenturyLink of the Carolinas	240506	SC
Qwest Corporation (South Dakota)	CenturyLink QC	395145	SD
CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.	CenturyLink Claiborne	290557	TN
CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.	CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale	290574	TN
United Telephone Southeast, LLC (Tennessee)	CenturyLink	290567	TN
CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.	CenturyLink Adamsville	290552	TN, MS
Central Telephone Company of Texas, Inc.	CenturyLink	442114	TX
CenturyTel of Lake Dallas, Inc.	CenturyLink	442101	TX
CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc.	CenturyLink	442117	TX
CenturyTel of San Marcos, Inc.	CenturyLink	442140	TX
United Telephone Company of Texas, Inc	CenturyLink	442084	TX
Qwest Corporation (Utah)	CenturyLink QC	505107	UT
United Telephone Southeast, LLC (Virginia)	CenturyLink	190567	VA
Central Telephone Company of Virginia	CenturyLink	190254	VA, NC
CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc.	CenturyLink	522408	WA
CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.	CenturyLink	522408	WA
Qwest Corporation (Washington)	CenturyLink QC	525161	WA
United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Washington)	CenturyLink	522400	WA
CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.	CenturyLink	522410	WA

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CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	331159	WI
COMPANY NAME	DBA NAME	Study Area Code	State(s) of Operation
CenturyTel of Fairwater-Brandon-Alto, LLC	CenturyLink	330877	WI
CenturyTel of Forestville, LLC	CenturyLink	330884	WI
CenturyTel of Larsen-Readfield, LLC	CenturyLink	330898	WI
CenturyTel of Monroe County, LLC	CenturyLink	330913	WI
CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	330956	WI
CenturyTel of Southern Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	330931	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Kendall, LLC	CenturyLink	330924	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Casco)	CenturyLink	330857	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Cencom)	CenturyLink	330841	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Northwest)	CenturyLink	330922	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Platteville)	CenturyLink	330934	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Thorp)	CenturyLink	330959	WI
CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin, LLC (Wayside)	CenturyLink	330970	WI
CenturyTel of Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	330895	WI
Telephone USA of Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	331155	WI
CenturyTel of Northwest Wisconsin, LLC	CenturyLink	330950	WI, MN
CenturyTel of Wyoming, Inc.	CenturyLink	512299	WY
Qwest Corporation (Wyoming)	CenturyLink QC	515108	WY
United Telephone Company of the West (Wyoming)	CenturyLink of the West	511595	WY