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August 20, 2013



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 2013 Connect America Fund Phase I Incremental Support**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On May 22, 2013, 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) incremental support for 2013. 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, the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”), the relevant state commissions, and any affected tribal government.

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 incremental support for 2013, that will be used to deploy broadband to locations in North Dakota. CenturyLink hereby accepts \$11,000 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2013 in North Dakota. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 20 locations in North Dakota. Of these locations, none are locations which are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 768 kbps down and 200 kbps up and 20 are locations that are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 3 Mbps down and 768 kbps up.

Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in North Dakota. Attachment B identifies, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code, wire center CLLI code, NECA Company Code (OCN), and Study Area Code, where CenturyLink will deploy

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in satisfaction of this requirement in North Dakota. Attachment C provides the certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), (6) & (8) related to CenturyLink's acceptance of the 2013 CAF Phase I support discussed above.

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

Very truly yours,



Jason D. Topp

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Enclosure

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of August, 2013, the original and seven copies of the foregoing letter were served upon the following party:

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Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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and copies sent electronically or via U.S. mail, addressed to the following:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianne Barthel". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dianne Barthel

Attachment "A"

State	Company	Address	SAC	SPIN	Amount
ND	ND Qwest	100 CenturyLink Drive ATTN: Lisa Grantham Mailstop DH001L0101-1NW702 Monroe, LA 71201	385144	143005231	\$ 11,000

## Attachment "B"

State	2010 Census Block Code (GEOID10)	NECA Company Code (OCN)	Study Area Code (SAC)	Wire Center (CLLI)	Locations at \$550	Locations at \$775	Copper-fed DSLAM Locations <sup>1</sup>
ND	380150110021000	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	2	0	0
ND	380150113003003	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	1	0	0
ND	380150113003044	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	2	0	0
ND	380150113003068	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	7	0	0
ND	380150113003071	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	5	0	0
ND	380150113003159	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	2	0	0
ND	380150113003175	5144	385144	BSMRNDBC	1	0	0

<sup>1</sup>Copper-fed DSLAM locations are included in 'Locations at \$550' (Column F), and should not be counted separately when calculating funding

CERTIFICATION  
FOR CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2013  
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT  
WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 05-337

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), (6) & (8), 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 (NBM) (data as of June 2012), as unserved by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than CenturyLink or an affiliate;

(2) to the best of the knowledge of CenturyLink, these locations are, in fact, unserved by fixed Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream, or 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream, as appropriate;

(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;

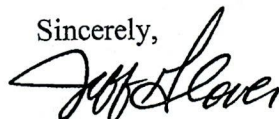
(4) this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation;

(5) CenturyLink has undertaken due diligence to determine that the locations in question are not within the service area of projects under either the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program that will provide Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream;

(6) CenturyLink has prioritized its planned projects or routes so as to maximize the deployment of broadband-capable infrastructure to locations lacking Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream; and

(7) for the locations that CenturyLink has identified in the attached files that the current NBM (data as of June 2012) shows as served by CenturyLink or an affiliate with speeds of 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream or greater, CenturyLink or an affiliate is the only entity providing such service, the locations do not actually receive speeds of 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream, and the locations are served through a copper-fed digital subscriber line access multiplexer (DSLAM).

Sincerely,



Jeff Glover  
Vice President  
Regulatory Operations