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August 19, 2014



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

Re: Case No. PU-14-622; 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 Annual Use Certification

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing, in accordance with the Commission's Notice of July 21, 2014, in the above-referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all federal high-cost support provided to CenturyLink, Inc. ("CenturyLink") 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. In making this filing, CenturyLink is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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

Kent Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosures

**AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF
FEDERAL HIGH-COST AND CONNECT AMERICA FUND SUPPORT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

I, the undersigned, under penalty of perjury, state as follows:

1. I am the Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller of CenturyLink Inc. ("Carrier")

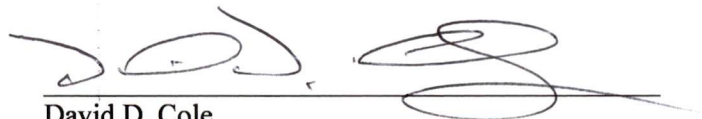
2. I am a corporate officer of the above mentioned Carrier authorized to certify use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America Fund ("CAF") Support.

3. Carrier is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") within the meaning of §214(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, has been designated by the North Dakota Public Service Commission as an ETC, and is eligible to receive universal service support pursuant to §254(e) of the Act.

4. Carrier files this affidavit in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") Order of May 23, 2001, in Docket No. 96-45, and WC Docket No. 10-90 released in FCC 11-191, November 18, 2011, which requires that each state certify to the FCC that all Federal High-Cost and CAF Support was used during 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 as required by Section §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

5. Carrier hereby attests that it has used Federal High-Cost and CAF Support Funds during the preceding calendar year and will use said funds in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended pursuant to §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, regardless of the rule under which that support is provided.

6. Further affiant sayeth not.



David D. Cole
August 18 2014

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of August, 2014

Susan Putman
Notary Public Susan Putman #80799
Ouachita Parish
Parish/County
Upon Death
My Commission Expires

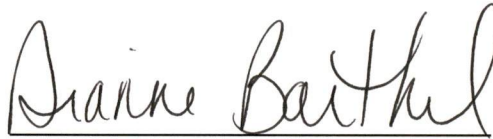
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of August, 2014, the original and seven copies of the foregoing Affidavit Certifying Use of Federal High-Cost and Connect America fund Support were served upon the following party:

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

and copies sent electronically, addressed to the following:

Kent P. Blickensderfer
State Legislative Affairs Director
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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