

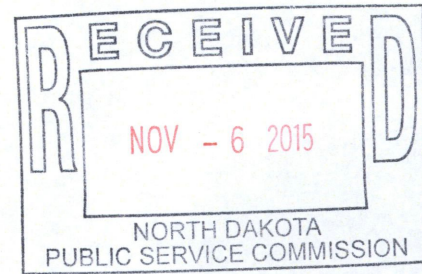
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November 6, 2015

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 Supplemental Form 481 Filing  
Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I Incremental Support

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

On September 2, 2015, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved additional data requirements for the FCC Form 481 for price cap carriers receiving CAF Phase I incremental support.

Consistent with the format approved by the OMB, enclosed are the supplements to its previously filed FCC Form 481 that contain the information and certifications for the CAF Phase I incremental support as required by FCC Rule § 54.313(b).

In this filing, in compliance with FCC Rule § 54.312(b)(3), CenturyLink is also providing a list of previously identified census blocks that the company has determined it will not be deploying broadband to utilizing CAF Phase I incremental support.

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".

Kent Blickensderfer  
State Legislative Affairs Director

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Enclosures

7 **PU-15-60** Filed: 11/6/2015 Pages: 9  
Supplement to Form 481 - Copy of FCC 47CFR Sect.  
54.313 Annual Report filing

Qwest Corporation

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 6th day of October, 2015, the original and seven copies of the foregoing letter and attachment were served upon the following party:

Mr. Darrell Nitschke  
Executive Secretary  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
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and copies sent electronically, addressed to the following:

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FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0815 OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

**(2009) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation**  
**Data Collection Form**  
**Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers**

<010> Study Area Code 385144  
 <015> Study Area Name QWEST CORP-ND  
 <020> Program Year 2016  
 <030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data Kenneth W. Buchan  
 <035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030> 3183621538 ext.  
 <039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030> ken.buchan@centurylink.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

**Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting**

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i)
- <2011a> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii)
- <2011b> Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii)

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year one after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to § 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1 Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i)

<2023> The attachment on Line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year one - 54.313(b)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

<2024> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year one - 54.313(b)(2)(ii)

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

<2025> Attach Geocoded Information for Phase I, 2nd year milestone reports - Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013)

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

**Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))**

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

**Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))**

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

**Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))**

- <2017> 3rd Year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th Year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification
- <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in preceding calendar year.
- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0086/OMB Control No. 3060-0019 July 2013
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<b>&lt;010&gt;</b>	Study Area Code	385144
<b>&lt;015&gt;</b>	Study Area Name	QWEST CORP-ND
<b>&lt;020&gt;</b>	Program Year	2016
<b>&lt;030&gt;</b>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Kenneth W. Buchan
<b>&lt;035&gt;</b>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	3183621538 ext.
<b>&lt;039&gt;</b>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	ken.buchan@centurylink.com

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:**

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier:	QWEST CORP-ND
Signature of Authorized Officer:	CERTIFIED ONLINE <span style="float: right;">Date 10/29/2015</span>
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	David Cole
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	Executive Vice President-Operations Support and Controller
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	3183889000 ext.
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	385144 <span style="float: right;">Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015</span>
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. § 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

## Attachments





NOTES:

1. (2010), (2014), and (2016) Per FCC DA 13-2101 released October 30, 2013, CenturyLink is certifying at a holding company level.

2. (2010) and (2025) The Phase 1 Connect America Fund Incremental Support program Round 1 ("Round 1") requires participating carriers to deploy broadband services at certain speeds to locations within certain timeframes. The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") recognized in DA 12-1155 released on July 18, 2012, that carriers may run into practical obstacles that would make it difficult to deploy broadband to the locations that were in the carrier's original deployment plan, and therefore may deploy to eligible locations not identified in the deployment plan. CenturyLink companies participating in Round 1 experienced the practical obstacles the FCC anticipated, and therefore deployed broadband to a substantial number of locations that are not listed in the notice of acceptance filed with the FCC on July 24, 2012. CenturyLink, in this supplemental filing, is providing location data for Round 1 for both the second and third year completion periods. Future network utilization could impact broadband service at the disclosed locations.

3. (2025) The reported location data represents the requisite number of units that CenturyLink listed in the notice of acceptance filed with the Federal Communications Commission on July 24, 2012. The actual number of units enabled is in excess of those listed.

State	SAC	Census Block
ND	385144	380170402002412
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