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Gary Widerburg
Commission Administrator
Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Re: CenturyLink 2013 Federal ETC Filing

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

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, 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 each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

On June 10, 2013, the FCC granted a limited waiver of the July 1 filing deadline for the annual ETC reporting requirements for 2013, with one exception.¹ ETCs with voice service rates below the rate floor² were required to file by July 1 the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h). That same Order also noted that the final requirements for 2013 and the new filing deadlines would be set in a subsequent Order following Paperwork Reduction Act approval of the FCC’s reporting requirements and proposed reporting form.

On August 6, 2013, the FCC released an Order, DA 13-707, identifying the reporting requirements contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 that are now approved and applicable in 2013 as well as setting October 15, 2013 as the deadline for ETCs to file the required information.³ The FCC also released the required reporting template, FCC Form 481, for use by all ETCs.

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 13-1348, (rel. June 10, 2013).

² Only ETCs that receive Federal High Cost Loop or High Cost Model Support are required to report residential basic rates below the rate floor.

³ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 13-707, (rel. August 6, 2013).

Attached is a complete copy of the FCC Form 481 for Qwest Corporation - Utah, as filed by CenturyLink with the FCC. CenturyLink is filing with the Utah Public Service Commission both a redacted non-confidential public version and also a confidential version of the FCC Form 481. Attachment A is the redacted non-confidential version and Attachment B is the confidential version. The Tribal engagement information provided in response to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (9) is confidential and was filed confidentially with the FCC. CenturyLink requests this information be treated as confidential pursuant to Utah Public Service Commission Rule R746-100-16.

Consistent with past years, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Utah Public Service Commission certify to the FCC as required by 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by the deadline of December 16, 2013 that Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC should continue receiving Federal high cost support in Utah.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

cc Bill Duncan - Utah Division of Public Utilities