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

Re: CenturyLink 2016 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 by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

The annual ETC reporting requirements are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC’s rules. For the reporting of the data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422, the FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be utilized by ETCs.

ETCs that accepted the Connect American Fund Phase II (“CAF II”) state-level commitment are required to report certain CAF II related information by July 1, 2016. Because the CAF II milestones are tracked at a total state level, for states where CenturyLink has multiple Study Areas, all CAF II related reporting will be found only on the Form 481 of the Study Area Code designated by USAC.

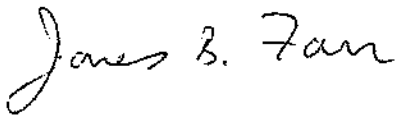
Attached are copies of the public and confidential versions of the Form 481 as filed by CenturyLink with the FCC. Attachment A is the redacted version of the FCC Form 481. Confidential Attachment B is the non-redacted confidential version of the Form 481. Within the Confidential Attachment B, CenturyLink requests that the following specific information be treated as confidential information and use restricted per Utah Public Service Commission Rule R746-100-16.

1. The outage information provided in response to § 54.313 (a)(2) (Line 200).
2. Certain Tribal engagement information that is customer or company proprietary information provided in response to § 54.313(9) (Line 920).
3. The detailed broadband speed availability information at the exchange level provided in response to 54.313(a)(7) (Line 710).
4. CAF Phase II capital expenditure information in response to § 54.313(e)(1).

Consistent with past years, we request that you certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by October 1, 2016 in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving Federal high cost support in Utah.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James B. Farr".

Attachments

cc: Bill Duncan - Utah Division of Public Utilities