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**VIA ECFS**

February 23, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification and FCC Form 555*, WC Docket No. 14-171 – Revision and Refiling of Certain CenturyLink Form 555s and Certifications

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 31, 2018, in accord with the Federal Communications Commission's requirements that eligible telecommunications carriers annually re-certify the eligibility of their Lifeline subscribers and report the results to the Universal Service Administrative Company, to relevant states and Tribal governments, and to this Commission,<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink<sup>2</sup> submitted its 2017 Lifeline re-certification results (by Study Area Code) for thirty-five states, including Texas.

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<sup>1</sup> See, generally, 47 C.F.R. § 54.416; *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6715-16 ¶ 132 (2012); *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, Connect America Fund*, Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016), *appeals remanded sub nom., National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners v. FCC*, Nos. 16-1170, *et al.*, Order (D.C. Cir., Apr. 19, 2017); *Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification and FCC Form 555*, WC Docket No. 14-171, Public Notice, DA 14-1731, 29 FCC Rcd 14451 (rel. Dec. 2, 2014).

<sup>2</sup> This filing is being made by CenturyLink, Inc. on behalf of certain subsidiary entities that are eligible telecommunications carriers under the FCC's rules.

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Regarding the re-certification results originally submitted for Texas, pursuant to USAC's instructions,<sup>3</sup> CenturyLink filed its Form 555s using initial data provided by the Texas Lifeline Administrator for the following Study Area Codes:

270434<sup>4</sup>  
442084  
442101  
442114  
442117  
442140

After its January 31, 2018 submission with the FCC, updated data was received by CenturyLink from the Texas Lifeline Administrator for these six SACs. As USAC's instructions also provide,<sup>5</sup> the updated data was submitted to USAC on February 15, 2018, and is also being filed today with the FCC by CenturyLink on the enclosed revised Form 555s.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tiffany West Smink

Enclosures

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<sup>3</sup> USAC News Brief, dated Jan. 29, 2018. <http://www.usac.org/about/tools/news/default.aspx>

<sup>4</sup> The Form 555 for this Louisiana SAC (270434) is included as well given that a few of CenturyLink's Texas customers are served out of facilities located in Louisiana.

<sup>5</sup> See note 3, *supra*.