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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**Re: Promoting Telehealth in Rural America, WC Docket No. 17-310;
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink's Vice President – Operations Jeremy Ferkin and State Affairs Director Randy Robison joined Utah Education and Telehealth Network Chief Executive Officer Ray Timothy in a March 20 meeting with Commissioner Geoffrey Starks and his Wireline Legal Advisor Randy Clarke.

At the meeting, the parties discussed the subject of rural telehealth. They focused on UETN's role in connecting more than 70 healthcare locations in Utah, including remote rural facilities, which CenturyLink enables through its extensive network and competitive services. UETN highlighted examples of its rural telehealth capabilities. UETN also briefly noted its prior advocacy on the Rural Health Care program, previously filed in the docket. UETN encouraged the FCC to develop methods to reduce administrative complexities and to increase efficiencies between the RHC and E-rate programs. In particular, UETN summarized its recommendation that the RHC program be able to run concurrently with the E-rate program, allowing combined RFPs and schedules for healthcare and K-12 education applicants.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nicholas G. Alexander

cc: Hon. Geoffrey Starks
Randy Clarke
Ray Timothy
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