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

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket No. 14-58.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d), CenturyLink notified the Commission on January 15, 2021, that it had not met the 2020 Connect America Fund, Phase II (CAF II) milestone of deployment to 100% of the required number of eligible locations in some of the 33 states where CenturyLink receives CAF II. Consistent with 47 C.F.R. § 54.316(b), the 2020 totals were filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in its High-Cost Universal Broadband (HUBB) portal on February 27, 2020. In subsequent correspondence, Commission staff asked that CenturyLink file a summary of future deployment plans.

On May 27, CenturyLink filed updated totals in the HUBB portal for the first quarter of 2021. That filing reflects that, as of March 31, 2021, CenturyLink had deployed the required broadband to 1,186,226 (101.52%) of the 1,168,483 total locations required across all states. On an individual state basis, 15 of the 33 states are over 100% deployed, and 5 more are over 95% deployed. CenturyLink will report updated totals as of June 30, on or before September 1.

Looking forward, CenturyLink has maintained a consistent and rapid pace of deployment, overcoming challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. As mentioned last year, in some places, our CAF II deployment has switched to fixed wireless technology instead of digital subscriber line technology, which will provide a better customer experience in those places. CenturyLink continues to deploy fiber-fed digital subscriber line network in CAF II areas where that provides a better customer experience. At the current pace of deployment, CenturyLink will achieve full deployment in all states well within the time period specified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d)(2).

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey S. Lanning".

Copies via e-mail to: Ryan Palmer, Gilbert Smith