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VIA COURIER

September 17, 2014

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

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: *In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of Service – Amendment to August 26, 2014 Application*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 26, 2014, CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc. applied for authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules,¹ and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² to discontinue its Frame Relay (CenturyTel Frame Relay) and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (CenturyTel ATM) service throughout its service area.

As required by the FCC's rules,³ CenturyLink attempted on that date to serve a copy of its Application on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the U.S. Secretary of Defense via first-class U.S. Mail (postage prepaid). It has now come to CenturyLink's attention that the service copy directed to the Special Assistant was returned by the U.S. Postal Service (marked "Moved, Left No Address, Unable to Forward"). By this letter, CenturyLink seeks to amend its Application to ensure it has satisfied the Commission's applicable service requirements. To date, CenturyLink's Application has not been publicly noticed by the Commission.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

² 47 U.S.C. § 214.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a) (paragraph 7 of the Application).

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Out of an abundance of caution, CenturyLink is re-serving a copy of its Application⁴ on the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the U.S. Secretary of Defense (whose address has been updated in the attached Certificate of Service). Enclosed with this correspondence is a copy of the Application that was stamped as received on August 26, 2014 by the Commission's Office of the Secretary.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Craig J. Brown

Enclosures

cc: Certificate of Service

⁴ The customer notification that was previously completed as is described in paragraph 5 of CenturyLink's Application is not affected by today's amendment. However, regarding the application to discontinue the frame relay and ATM services of its Embarq affiliate, which was filed on the same day as the present Application, multiple service copies were returned for insufficient postage. *See In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of Embarq Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink, Inc. For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to Discontinue the Provision of Service, Section 63.71 Application* (filed Aug. 26, 2014). Under separate cover, CenturyLink is re-serving a copy of the Application for its Embarq affiliate on all of the state governor and public utility commission recipients, along with the Special Assistant for Telecommunications for the U.S. Secretary of Defense.

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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

CenturyLink, Inc. f/k/a CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyLink) hereby applies for authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, to discontinue its Frame Relay (CenturyTel Frame Relay) and Asynchronous Transfer Mode (CenturyTel ATM) services throughout its service area. This Application is a component of CenturyLink's ongoing initiative to retire all of its Frame Relay and ATM services and transition affected customers to more current and capable technologies.¹

¹ Concurrent with this Application, CenturyLink is filing an application to discontinue the Frame Relay and ATM services provided by its Embarq affiliate. *See In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of Embarq Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service, Section 63.71 Application* (filed Aug. 26, 2014). Last year, CenturyLink filed a similar application for its Qwest Communications Company affiliate. *See In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of Qwest Communications Company LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service, WC Docket 13-266, Section 63.71 Application* (filed Oct. 31, 2013). That application remains pending. *See Application of Qwest Communications Company LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC To Discontinue Domestic Telecommunications Services Not Automatically Granted, WC Docket No. 13-266, Public Notice* (rel. Dec. 13, 2013). In the future, CenturyLink intends to file an application to discontinue the Frame Relay and ATM services provided by its Qwest Corporation affiliate.

CenturyLink is a dominant provider of CenturyTel Frame Relay and CenturyTel ATM services. CenturyLink submits the following information in support of its application:

1. Name and address of carrier

CenturyLink
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, Louisiana 71203

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

As of December 31, 2014, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained, CenturyLink will no longer offer these services to new customers or accept new orders from existing customers (except to the extent such orders are permitted by contract).

Existing customers of these services will be grandfathered as follows:

- Existing contracts for these services will not be renewed.
- Customers with a contract that expires *prior to December 31, 2014* may retain their CenturyTel Frame Relay and/or CenturyTel ATM service covered by that contract on a month-to-month basis until December 31, 2014.
- Customers with a contract that expires *after December 31, 2014* may retain their CenturyTel Frame Relay and/or CenturyTel ATM service covered by that contract until the expiration of that contract.

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

CenturyLink seeks authority to discontinue the provision of CenturyTel Frame Relay and CenturyTel ATM services in the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.