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EX PARTE NOTICE

August 5, 2015

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

Re: *Connect America Fund; WC Docket No. 10-90, Applications filed by Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink for Consent to Transfer Control, WC Docket No. 10-110*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 3, 2015, Jeff Lanning and Melissa Newman, in person, and John Jones and Jeff Glover, by telephone, and all with CenturyLink, met with Carol Matthey, Ryan Palmer and Alexander Minard, all with the Wireline Competition Bureau, to discuss the above-captioned proceedings. The discussion focused on the interplay between the separate broadband deployment obligations in the two proceedings, including potential shared or conflicting use of resources and available time. In addition, the parties to the meeting discussed the relationship between the census blocks that are included in the Connect America Fund Phase II (CAF II) state-wide offers of support and the range of census blocks that may be available in subsequent CAF II competitive bidding. Finally, CenturyLink explained that it will be facing an unfunded federal Eligible Telecommunications Carrier obligation in any state where it accepts the CAF II statewide offer and encouraged the Commission to promptly act on the proposal to address this issue that USTelecom filed earlier this year.¹

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

Copies to:
Carol Matthey, Ryan Palmer, Alexander Minard

¹ Letter from Jonathan Banks, USTelecom, to Marlene Dortch, FCC, *Connect America Fund*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90, (filed Apr. 3, 2015).