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Via ECFS

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

Re: *In the Matter of ETC Annual Reports and Certifications*; WC Docket No. 14-58;
CenturyLink's 2015 FCC Form 481 Updated Submissions regarding CAF Phase I
Incremental Support and CenturyLink's 2016 FCC Form 481 Submissions
Regarding Round 1 Support

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Recently, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) provided a notice stating that price cap carriers receiving Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I Incremental Support need to provide certain information pertaining to that support to USAC using a revised FCC Form 481 by November 9, 2015.¹ The requested information and certifications pertain to year-two requirements for CAF Phase I Incremental Support that carriers accepted in 2012 (Round 1 Support) and year-one requirements for the incremental support that carriers accepted in 2013 (Round 2 Support).

In accord with the USAC notice and in satisfaction of the obligations reflected in Federal Communications Commission (Commission) rules 54.312(b) and 54.313(b)(1) and in the Commission's Order of May 22, 2013 regarding Round 1 Support CenturyLink is providing the enclosed materials.² These materials update the information CenturyLink provided earlier this year for its 2015 annual reporting requirement as a recipient of high-cost and low-income universal service support in 2014 by providing information and certifications regarding CenturyLink's use of Round 1 Support to deploy the requisite broadband service to at least two-thirds of the required number of locations by July 24, 2014.³ These materials also provide

¹ USAC News release dated October 12, 2015; New Requirements: FCC Form 481.

² 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.312(b), 54.313(b)(1); *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, 28 FCC Rcd 7766 (rel. May 22, 2013); USAC News release dated October 12, 2015; New Requirements: FCC Form 481.

³ See CenturyLink filings made herein on June 30, 2015 and July 1, 2015, pursuant to Commission requirements. *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-

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certain information required for CenturyLink's 2016 annual reporting requirement by providing information and certifications regarding CenturyLink's use of Round 1 Support to deploy the requisite broadband service to all of the required number of locations by July 24, 2015.

Also, in accord with the USAC notice and in satisfaction of the obligations reflected in Commission rule 54.313(b)(2) regarding Round 2 Support CenturyLink is providing the enclosed materials. These materials update the information CenturyLink provided earlier this year in its 2015 annual reporting by providing a certification and information regarding year one of CenturyLink's Round 2 Support.⁴

CenturyLink is also providing this submission to USAC as well as to state commissions and Tribal governments as appropriate.

Please contact me via the above contact information or Jeff Lanning in CenturyLink's Federal Regulatory Affairs office (202-429-3113) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tiffany West Smink

Enclosures

90, *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (*USF/ICC Transformation Order*) (subsequent regulatory history omitted), *aff'd sub nom.*, *In re: FCC 11-161*, Nos. 11-9900, *et al.*, 753 F.3d 1015 (10th Cir. 2014), *petitions for rehearing en banc denied*, Orders, Aug. 27, 2014, *cert. denied*, 83 U.S.L.W. 3835, May 4, 2015 (Nos. 14-610, *et al.*); 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422. *See also In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656 (rel. Feb. 6, 2012).

⁴ *See id.*