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EX PARTE PRESENTATION

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 05-337; CC Docket No. 96-45; RM-11293; CC Docket No. 01-92; WC Docket No. 05-25

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on November 8, 2007, Karen Puckett, President and Chief Operating Officer of CenturyTel, John Jones, Vice President, Regulatory-Government Relations for CenturyTel, and I met with John Hunter, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell, in the above-referenced dockets.

CenturyTel expressed the view that stabilization of the universal service fund is the most important policy objective that the FCC should address, which would include freezing payments to competitive eligible telecommunications carriers and imposing carrier of last resort requirements on them. In addition, CenturyTel applauded the Commission for adopting a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the pole attachment proceeding and urged the Commission to establish parity in rates for all pole attachers, including ILECs. CenturyTel urged the Commission to adopt phantom traffic rules that would ensure that all telecommunications traffic can be correctly identified and billed. CenturyTel also stated that mid-sized ILECs should be excluded from changes, if any are adopted, in the special access proceeding because the record did not address their circumstances.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gregory J. Vogt

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cc: John Hunter