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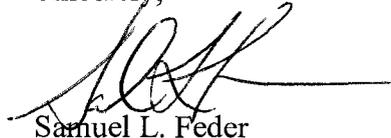
Re: Ex Parte Notice, WC Docket No. 08-238, Embarq Corporation, Transferor, and CenturyTel, Inc., Transferee, Application for Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorizations Under Section 214 of the Communications Act

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 17, 2009, representatives of Embarq and CenturyTel met with Commission staff to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. Attending the meeting were David Bartlett, Jeb Benedict, Jeff Lanning, and myself on behalf of Embarq, Don Stockdale, Bill Dever, and Randy Clarke of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Jim Bird of the Office of General Counsel. Participating by telephone conference were David Zesiger of Embarq, Jeff Glover, John Jones, Max Cox, and Greg Vogt on behalf of CenturyTel. In the meeting, CenturyTel and Embarq reiterated the views expressed in their ex parte filing of April 10, 2009, which responded to concerns expressed by CLECs in this proceeding. CenturyTel and Embarq explained that their April 10 letter had addressed all outstanding issues and urged the Commission to approve the transaction as soon as possible.

In accordance with §1.1206 of the Commission rules, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically via ECFS, and one delivered via email to each of the FCC participants.

Sincerely,



Samuel L. Feder