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May 1, 2009

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

Re: Application to Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorizations Held by
Embarq Corporation to CenturyTel, Inc. Under Section 214 of the
Communications Act, WC Docket No. 08-238

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have attached a copy of the letter that the Federal Trade Commission sent to the
General Counsel of CenturyTel, Inc. which terminates its inquiry pursuant to
CenturyTel, Inc.'s Hart-Scott-Rodino pre-merger notification with respect to the
above-captioned merger.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gregory J. Vogt

Gregory J. Vogt
Counsel for CenturyTel, Inc.

cc: Dennis Johnson

Enclosure



Bureau of Competition
Premerger Notification Office

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20580

November 21, 2008

Stacey W Goff,
Sr. VP and Gen. Counsel
CenturyTel, Inc.
100 CenturyTel Drive
Monroe, LA 71203 USA

Re: EARLY TERMINATION GRANTED
Transaction Identification Number 20090121
CenturyTel, Inc. / Embarq Corporation

Dear Mr. Goff :

The request for early termination of the waiting period is granted effective November 21, 2008 11:52 AM with respect to the proposed acquisition by CenturyTel, Inc. of certain voting securities of Embarq Corporation. Early termination of the waiting period is provided by Section 7A(b)(2) of the Clayton Act and Sections 803.10(b) and 803.11(c) of the Premerger Notification Rules.

Notice of this termination will be published in the Federal Register in accordance with Section 7a(b)(2) of the Clayton Act and Section 803.11(c) of the Premerger Notification Rules and on the Federal Trade Commission's internet site [<http://www.ftc.gov/bc/earlyterm/index.html>].

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 202-326-3589.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Renee A. Hallman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Renee A. Hallman
Contact Representative
Premerger Notification Office
Bureau of Competition