

May 11, 2009

## **Ex Parte Presentation**

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

Re: 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:

CenturyTel, Inc. (“CenturyTel”) and Embarq Corporation (“Embarq”) (collectively the “Applicants”) jointly submit this letter in response to the Commission’s Public Notice of April 7, 2009 in the above-referenced docket.<sup>1</sup> As the Commission indicated in the Public Notice, CenturyTel has sought Commission approval of the transfer of control of various licenses held by CenturyTel subsidiaries to CenturyTel as incidental to the transfer of Embarq to CenturyTel. CenturyTel filed these applications out of an abundance of caution due to changes in CenturyTel’s stock ownership that will occur upon consummation of the transaction with Embarq.

In the Public Notice, the Commission indicated that “Any comments or petitions to deny should relate to the transfer of control of CenturyTel’s subsidiaries and should not repeat arguments that were made, or could have been made, with respect to the transfer of control of Embarq or the combination of the two companies.” No party filed any comments addressing the transfer of control of CenturyTel’s subsidiaries. Accordingly, although the Public Notice’s comment cycle provided time for the Applicants to file a response to comments, the Applicants will not file any response. The Applicants urge the Commission to approve this transaction as soon as possible.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Public Notice, *Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of CenturyTel, Inc. and Its Subsidiaries*, WC Docket No. 08-238, DA 09-791 (April 7, 2009) (“Public Notice”).

<sup>2</sup> The 30-day comment period established by the Commission has expired, and there is no legal impediment to the Commission taking action on the Applicants’ applications immediately. *See id.* (“Final action on these applications will not be taken earlier than thirty-one days following the date of this Public Notice.”).

Respectfully submitted,  
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