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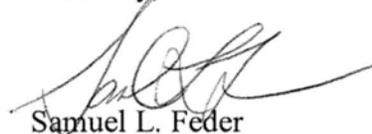
Re: Ex Parte Notice, WC Docket No. 08-238, Embarq Corporation, Transferor, and CenturyTel, Inc., Transferee, Application for Transfer of Control of Domestic Authorizations Under Section 214 of the Communications Act

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 11, 2009, Greg Vogt and I, representing CenturyTel and Embarq respectively, met with Don Stockdale, Marcus Maher, Bill Dever, Dennis Johnson, and Pamela Megna of the Wireline Competition Bureau, as well as Jim Bird and Joel Rabinovitz of the Office of General Counsel, to discuss the above-referenced proceeding. Nick Degani of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Jeff Glover of CenturyTel, and Mike Hunsucker of Embarq participated by phone. CenturyTel and Embarq discussed the commitments they have offered, and argued that these commitments go above and beyond what is required to address their competitors' objections. CenturyTel and Embarq 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