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The Honorable Michael J. Copps
Acting Chairman
The Honorable Jonathan Adelstein
Commissioner
The Honorable Robert McDowell
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW, 8th Floor
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Embarq Corp. and Century Tel Inc. Applications for Approval of Transfer of
Control WC Docket No. 08-238
Notice of Ex Parte Filing*

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

Granite Telecommunications, LLC is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier providing national service to enterprise customers. We provide local telecommunications services (POTS) and broadband services to more than 13,000 corporate clients including 66 of the Fortune 100 companies. The vast majority of the more than 800,000 telephone lines with which we act as the telephone company of record are provided through commercial wholesale agreements with the Regional Bell Operating Companies and Independent Telephone Operating Companies, including Embarq.

Granite believes that the merger of Embarq and Century Tel will benefit its corporate customers by allowing Granite to be more efficient and providing us with additional products and services to offer. We believe that a combined Embarq/Century Tel is in the public interest and will truly result in the union of two companies with distinctly complementary assets. Such a combination should allow the merged company to more easily invest in advanced technologies and deliver those technologies to its customers. Granite now uses the Embarq OSS and support infrastructure and believes that it is amongst the best in the industry. We are looking forward to using this infrastructure for our broadband and telephone needs across the entire combined company.

Our corporate customers are moving toward a world of integrated wireline, wireless and broadband services. Because the merger will allow the combined companies to deliver such services more quickly, more economically, and more broadly, the approval of the merger is critical to meeting these needs.

Granite supports the merger and urges you to act favorably and swiftly on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel J. Kline". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the word "Sincerely,".

Samuel J. Kline