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EX PARTE FILING

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

Re: *A National Broadband Plan for our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Today, CenturyLink filed the attached reply to comments in WC Docket No. 09-154, *Petition for Declaratory Ruling that the Telecommunications Rate Applies to Cable System Pole Attachments Used to Provide Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service*.

CenturyLink's comments are relevant to the Commission's consideration of the National Broadband Plan, given the importance of pole attachments to broadband deployment and adoption, especially in rural areas. CenturyLink submits a copy for addition to the record in that proceeding.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John E. Benedict".

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cc: Thomas Koutsky