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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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***EX PARTE SUBMISSION***

*Re: A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51; International Comparison and Consumer Survey Requirements in the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-47; Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as Amended by the Broadband Data Improvement Act, GN Docket No. 09-137.*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink hereby responds to an inquiry from Byron J. Neal of the Commission's team working on the National Broadband Plan. Mr. Neal asked about the status of fiber middle mile connectivity to central offices in CenturyLink's network. Specifically, Mr. Neal asked if 95% or more of CenturyLink's central offices are served with fiber middle mile facilities. For the record, CenturyLink answers this question in the affirmative: 95% of more of CenturyLink's central offices are served with fiber middle mile facilities.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions or need anything else.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Byron J. Neal