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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: *A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, GN Docket No. 09-51;  
*Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 3, 2010, David Bartlett, Jeff Lanning, and I met on behalf of CenturyLink with Blair Levin, Executive Director of the Commission's Broadband Initiative, and Elvis Stumbergs. Separately, Jeff Lanning and I also met with John Hunter, Al Lewis, Marcus Maher, and Jennifer Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and with Christi Shewman, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker.

In connection with the National Broadband Plan, CenturyLink emphasized in these meetings that the Commission needs to ensure revenue stability during any transition to a new intercarrier compensation and universal service regime. With respect to intercarrier compensation, in particular, rural carriers rely on the implicit high cost subsidies reflected in access charges. CenturyLink explained that the Commission should ensure compliance with established intercarrier compensation rules and practices, and promote compliance with tariffed rates and procedures during the transition.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in each of the above-referenced dockets.

Sincerely,

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