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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

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 18, 2010, David Bartlett, Jeff Lanning, and I met on behalf of CenturyLink with Jennifer Schneider, Senior Policy Advisor to Commissioner Michael Copps.

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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