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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger. It has already received approval from the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission. I am writing to encourage expeditious consideration of the application by the FCC.

CenturyLink is a major investor and employer in the state, which makes it an important part of the North Carolina economy. They serve thousands of homes and businesses, and have invested over \$3 billion in the North Carolina. In fact, in our state alone, CenturyLink directly employs nearly 2,300 people, and has an annual payroll of \$160 million.

I believe the CenturyLink-Qwest merger will benefit consumers in our state and across the nation by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure. Continued investment in broadband networks will enhance the economic competitiveness of each community served. Over 90 percent of CenturyLink's network is broadband-enabled which is helping to close the digital divide in underserved regions of our state.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of our comments and look forward to you conducting a thoughtful and timely review.

Sincerely,

Marc Basnight

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Re: WC Docket No. 10-110

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to you concerning the pending merger of Qwest and CenturyLink. Dunton Realty has been an Integra Telecom customer since 2002, and is very pleased with the consistent level of service that we have been receiving from Integra. It is critical to our business that we continue to receive reliable telecommunications and internet access services.

It is our understanding that CenturyLink is the first rural carrier to acquire a regional Bell Operating Company, and that it has little to no experience serving major urban areas like Denver, Colorado. We are concerned that the service of all residents and businesses in our state which rely directly or indirectly on Qwest's network may be adversely affected by this merger. We urge you, in reviewing this merger, to ensure that service quality and local service competition are not harmed by the transaction. The merged company must have the appropriate incentives and technical and operational resources to continue to serve all of its customers whether wholesale or retail at the same levels Qwest does today.

Our community and our businesses depend upon a common telecommunications infrastructure and we are counting on the FCC and the state commission to prevent any disruptions to it as a result of this transaction.

Sincerely,



Barb Smith

cc: PUC Commissioners

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NDACo believes a merged CenturyLink/Qwest will serve to benefit counties and all North Dakotans:

- North Dakota customers will benefit from the combined company's enhanced financial and operational resources for further network investment to support technology solutions that will help rural and urban areas achieve their economic development goals.
- The combined company will expand high speed data availability in North Dakota and create a larger national provider, delivering higher speeds, more coverage and more products and services than either company could offer alone.

Bringing these companies together will benefit our counties and the citizens of our state. As the Executive Director of the North Dakota Association of Counties, I strongly urge the FCC to give an expeditious review of this merger. We can then begin to realize the benefits of combining these two fine telecommunications companies

Sincerely,

Mark Johnson

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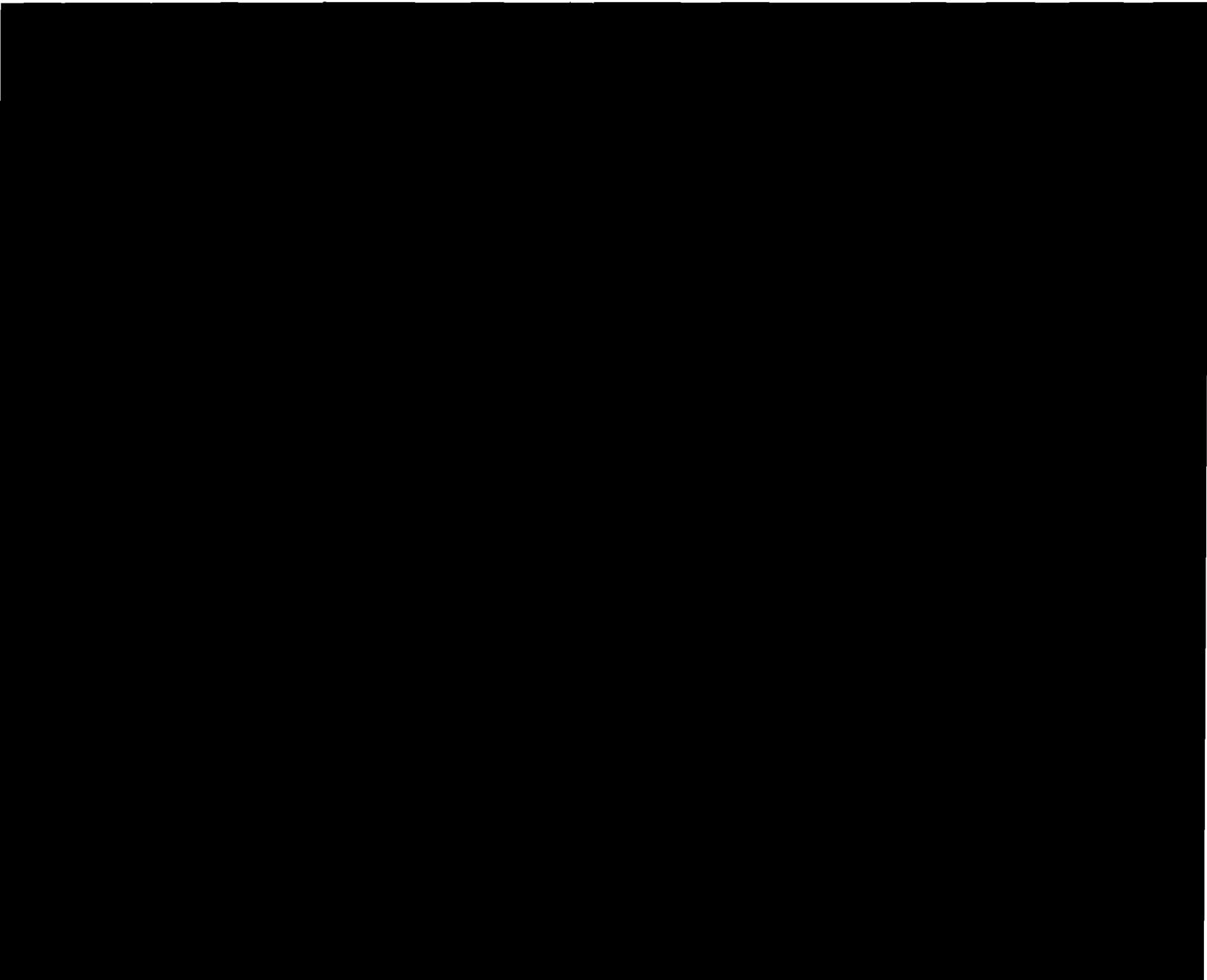
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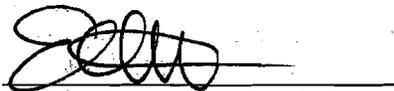
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Erwin Synkowski, CFO

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Kristen Hudson

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