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## EX PARTE VIA ECFS

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

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Re: *Applications Filed by Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. d/b/a/ CenturyLink for Consent to Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-110*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on January 21, 2011, the applicants met with members of the Commission staff regarding the above-captioned proceeding. John Jones and David Bartlett participated on behalf of CenturyLink. Karen Brinkmann and Alexander Maltas of Latham & Watkins participated as counsel to CenturyLink. Steve Davis and Melissa Newman participated on behalf of Qwest. The applicants met with Zac Katz, legal advisor to Chairman Genachowski, as well as Sharon Gillett, Christi Shewman, Rebekah Goodheart, and Jennifer Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The applicants discussed their post-merger plans to increase broadband adoption in their territory. They also discussed their plans for broadband deployment and expansion. They advocated prompt approval of the transaction based on the significant public interest benefits it will confer on consumers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/

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