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

Re: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket 09-51; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket 07-135; High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket 05-337; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket 01-92; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket 96-45; Lifeline and Link-Up, WC Docket 03-109; Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund, WT Docket 10-208*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 15, 2012, Melissa Newman and Jeffrey Lanning of CenturyLink met with Michael Steffen of the Office of Chairman Genachowski. We discussed the Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase One Incremental Support adopted by the Commission in the above-captioned dockets and the implementation of the new Access Recovery Charge (ARC).

Specifically, we discussed how CenturyLink is evaluating the opportunities for deploying broadband using CAF Incremental Support. We also discussed how CenturyLink is working to implement the calculation of eligible revenue for the ARC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

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