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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
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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 23, 2012, Melissa Newman and Jeffrey Lanning of CenturyLink met with Dan Ball, Randy Clarke, Victoria Goldberg, Athula Gunarantne, Paul Hartman, Richard Kwiatkowski, Travis Litman, Deena Shetler, Doug Slotten, and Merry Wulff of the Wireline Competition Bureau. We discussed the implementation of the new Access Recovery Charge (ARC). Specifically, we discussed how CenturyLink is working to implement the calculation of eligible revenue for the ARC; how the \$30 cap on rates will be implemented in light of billing system limitations; and how the intrastate rate reductions will be implemented in states that have not restructured local transport rates in a manner similar to what was done at the federal level.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

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