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445 12th Street SW
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CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT
WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink hereby accepts \$35,098,975 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2012. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 45,289 locations.

Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities. Attachment B identifies, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement. CenturyLink will provide additional data for such locations, including 2010 Census Block FIPS code, NECA Company Code (OCN), Study Area Code, wire center CLLI code, latitude, and longitude, when such information becomes available, which shall be no later than one year from the date of this letter. The attached file contains blanks for columns for which no data are currently available.

CenturyLink hereby provides additional information on the estimated CAF Phase I incremental support it will accept if the Commission grants CenturyLink's waiver petition filed with the Commission on June 26, 2012.¹ If the Commission grants CenturyLink's waiver petition in full as filed, CenturyLink would accept a total of \$81,496,675 of its eligible funding for CAF Phase I incremental support for 2012. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this

¹ CenturyLink Petition for Waiver, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, GN Docket No. 09-51, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, WT Docket No. 10-208, filed June 26, 2012. CenturyLink's waiver petition requested a limited waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b), which requires CAF I Incremental Support recipients to deploy broadband service to locations "shown as unserved by the then-current version of the National Broadband Map."

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funding, CenturyLink would deploy broadband to 105,157 locations.² Attachment C identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities assuming CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted in full. Attachment D identifies by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement if CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted in full.

In accepting this CAF Phase I incremental support, CenturyLink also intends to provide sufficient company investment to support a recovery of that investment over a reasonable time period. CenturyLink will endeavor to control capital costs and use reasonable technological improvements to enable a broader broadband deployment than currently envisioned.

CenturyLink is providing as Attachment E the certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3) related to its acceptance of the CAF Phase I support discussed above.

Sincerely,
/s/ Melissa E. Newman

² If the Commission grants CenturyLink's waiver petition in part, CenturyLink will need to revise its amount of accepted funding and deployment locations accordingly.