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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

November 7, 2012

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

Re: *Implementation of the Pay Telephone Reclassification and Compensation Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, CC Docket No. 96-128; Connect America Fund, WC Docket 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 7, 2012, Steve Davis and Melissa Newman of CenturyLink met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Angela Kronenberg, Legal Advisor to the Commissioner, to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

CenturyLink discussed prison payphone services and explained that service providers pursue opportunities to provide Inmate Calling Services in response to requests for proposals developed and published by entities responsible for the operation and security of penal institutions. We also explained that service providers that secure contracts to provide Inmate Calling Services are required to comply with governing laws and policies. The great majority of interexchange inmate calls from state and local penal institutions are intrastate.

In addition, CenturyLink discussed the Connect America Fund (CAF). We urged the Commission to distribute the remaining CAF I monies so that consumers in rural, unserved areas can get broadband to their homes.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

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Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
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