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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: *Review of Wireline Competition Bureau Data Practices*, WC Docket No. 10-132; *Petition of USTelecom For Forbearance Under 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) From Enforcement Of Certain Legacy Telecommunications Regulations*, WC Docket No. 12-61; *Computer III Further Remand Proceedings: Bell Operating Company Provision of Enhanced Services*, CC Docket No. 95-20; *1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Review of Computer III and ONA Safeguards and Requirements*, CC Docket No. 98-10

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 19, 2013, Melissa Newman, Tim Boucher and Glenda Weibel, all of CenturyLink, met by telephone with Jodie Donovan May, Bill Dever, Lisa Gelb and Jenny Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

We discussed the requests in these proceedings that the Commission eliminate remaining obligations from its *Computer Inquiry* regime, such as its comparably efficient interconnection ("CEI") and open network architecture ("ONA") requirements. We advocated that the Commission act to eliminate these obligations as they unnecessarily impose burdens on CenturyLink and other carriers without any corresponding benefits. We also discussed ways to respond to staff's questions regarding the potential practical impacts if this relief were granted, and the data available to support the elimination of these obligations.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

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