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NOTICE OF EX PARTE

June 11, 2013

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

Re: *Improving 9-1-1 Reliability*, PS Docket. No. 13-75; *Reliability and Continuity of Communications Networks, Including Broadband Technologies*, PS Docket No. 11-60

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 11, 2013, Stacy Hartman, Jeanne Stockman and Melissa Newman, in person, and Glenda Weibel, by telephone, all of CenturyLink met with Jeff Goldthorp, Eric Schmidt, Cecilia Mateo, Michael Connelly, Bill Richardson, John Healy and Lauren Kravetz to discuss the above-captioned proceedings.

In the meeting, CenturyLink reiterated a point it made in its reply comments¹ that the FCC should convene a working group of interested public and private sector stakeholders to develop a core set of practices which could, if appropriate, be certified to the FCC. This would allow for all stakeholders to facilitate a reasoned and detailed discussion of proposed practices, the costs, the associated public safety benefits, the timeframe for implementation, and the impact on the transition to NG9-1-1. CenturyLink also discussed with the bureau the cost estimates provided in the NPRM. We believe they are understated and our reply comments listed some of the actual costs incurred by CenturyLink.

In addition, CenturyLink urged the Commission to do a proper cost-benefit analysis to adequately link how proposed improvements to the 9-1-1 network to tangible public safety benefits. In light of the cost and varied network issues carriers face, we urged the FCC to encourage collaboration among stakeholders to examine the appropriate next steps which will yield tangible public safety benefits and improved network reliability and resiliency.

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa Newman

¹ CenturyLink Reply Comments, PS Docket Nos. 13-75 and 11-60, filed May 28, 2013

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