



**Jeffrey S. Lanning**  
Vice President-Federal Regulatory Affairs  
1099 New York Avenue NW  
Suite 250  
Washington, DC 20001  
202.429.3113

## NOTICE OF EX PARTE

January 23, 2014

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

Re: *In the Matter of Technology Transitions Policy Task Force Seeks Comment on Potential Trials*, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink met with the FCC to discuss the above-captioned proceeding. On January 17, 2014, Melissa Newman and Jeff Lanning of CenturyLink met with Daniel Alvarez, Legal Advisor to FCC Chairman Wheeler. On January 22, Jeff Lanning met via telephone with Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn. On January 23, Jeff Lanning met with Amy Bender, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly, and Melissa Newman and Jeff Lanning met, in separate meetings, with Christianna Barnhart, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel, and with Nick Degani, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Pai.

CenturyLink described its plans for local network evolution as Time Division Multiplexing (TDM) technology is to be replaced with IP technology, and explored in the meeting whether this evolution might be facilitated and potentially accelerated through a Commission-approved trial. During the discussion, we referenced the presentation filed by CenturyLink in this docket on August 16, 2013. That presentation includes a proposed transition to new third party points of connection, transition from existing TDM hub and spoke architecture, and a model for a packet switched voice network with state level connectivity. CenturyLink also explained how true regulatory parity for all IP service providers is necessary for the IP transition, and asked whether a proposed trial might address this need.

We also discussed potential trials using Universal Service Funding for broadband deployment in unserved areas. In this regard, CenturyLink emphasized that any trials should facilitate more rapid implementation of the Connect America Fund Phase II program while maintaining the policy choices and program parameters that have already been decided upon and adopted in Commission and Bureau decisions. Trials should not be used to re-visit CAF II decisions or change the focus on maximizing the number of high-cost locations that are able to receive broadband within the available budget. Nor should trials be used to facilitate or promote either overbuilding of existing broadband providers or creation of overlapping or unfunded Eligible Telecommunications Carrier obligations.

Marlene H. Dortch

January 23, 2014

Page 2

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), this *ex parte* presentation is being filed for inclusion in the record of the above-referenced proceeding.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey S. Lanning

Copy via email to:

Daniel Alvarez (daniel.alvarez@fcc.gov)

Amy Bender (amy.bender@fcc.gov)

Rebekah Goodheart (rebekah.goodheart@fcc.gov)

Christi Barnhart (christiana.barnhart@fcc.gov)

Nick Degani (nicholas.degani@fcc.gov)