

September 27, 2010

VIA ECFS

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Applications Filed By Qwest Communications International Inc. And CenturyTel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink For Consent To Transfer Of Control, WC Dkt. No. 10-110*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Integra Telecom, Inc., through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits in the above-referenced docket the attached letter from Representative Greg Walden of Oregon to Chairman Genachowski regarding the proposed CenturyLink-Qwest transaction. In his letter, Rep. Walden urges the Commission to: (1) take into account the views of the Oregon Public Utility Commission when evaluating the proposed merger; and (2) ensure that the “merger is as seamless and efficient as possible for residential, business and wholesale customers.”

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 303-1111 if you have any questions or concerns about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Thomas Jones
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Attachment

cc (via email): Commissioner Michael J. Copps
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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The pending merger of CenturyLink and Qwest is a significant development for Oregon's residents, businesses, educational institutions, health care providers, and entities considering establishing or expanding operations in Oregon. This transaction holds the potential to advance the quality and capacity of telecommunications services in rural and urban areas of my state. Qwest has been a valued partner for many Oregon consumers and businesses and I expect the same relationships to continue with CenturyLink.

Looking back on how previous telecommunication mergers have unfolded in Oregon, the 2008/2009 merger between CenturyLink (known at that time as CenturyTel) and Embarq comes to mind. As you know, CenturyLink assumed all Embarq network properties, including those in Oregon during this merger. From the perspective of a policymaker and customer in the Embarq service area that CenturyLink assumed, I would characterize this merger as a smooth one. As the Federal Communications Commission reviews the merger of CenturyLink and Qwest, I ask the Commission to make sure that this merger is as seamless and efficient as possible for residential, business and wholesale customers located in the impacted service area in Oregon. I am also aware that our Oregon Public Utility Commission is evaluating this transaction and I hope you will take their views into account.

I appreciate your careful consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg Walden".

Greg Walden
Member of Congress

Cc:

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