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EX PARTE

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

Re: *In the Matter of Qwest Communications International Inc., Transferor, and CenturyTel, Inc. D/B/A CenturyLink, Transferee, Application for Transfer of Control under Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended, WC Docket No. 10-110*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 19, 2010, CenturyLink and Qwest met with Chairman Julius Genachowski, Zach Katz-Legal Advisor to Chairman Genachowski and Sharon Gillett, Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau. CenturyLink was represented by Glen Post, Tom Gerke and David Bartlett; Qwest was represented by Steve Davis and Melissa Newman.

We discussed the merits of the pending merger of CenturyLink and Qwest. We noted that the merger will make the combined company more competitive on a national scale and will spur investment and innovation in the broadband market. All comments were consistent with the application filed in this docket.

This *ex parte* is being filed electronically pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.49(f) and 1.1206(b).

Sincerely,

/s/ Melissa E. Newman

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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
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