

October 25, 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 Senator Byron L. Dorgan of North Dakota to Chairman Genachowski regarding the proposed CenturyLink-Qwest transaction. In his letter, Senator Dorgan states that “the merged company might not have the technical and operational expertise to maintain or improve the quality of service currently enjoyed by [his] constituents” and that the Commission should consider imposing enforceable merger conditions to safeguard the interests of all consumers.

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

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October 21, 2010

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

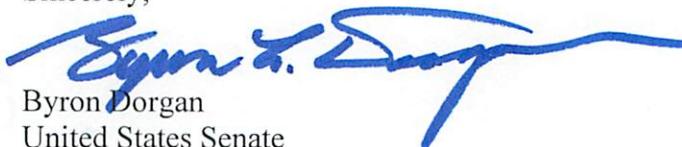
I write today regarding the proposed merger between CenturyLink and Qwest. The proposed merger is a matter of importance to the constituents that I represent, and as the FCC reviews this proposal, I urge the Commission to carefully consider the potential impact it could have on consumers.

Qwest's network provides phone and Internet access for millions of consumers in the western United States. Today, because of the framework Congress created in the 1996 Telecommunications Act, many consumers in Qwest's territory are afforded a choice between communications providers. I am concerned about the merger's potential impact on my constituents' continued access to competitive alternatives for telecommunications services.

Unlike Qwest, CenturyLink has never managed the complex technical challenges required for competing carriers to interconnect with a regional bell company network. Without specific conditions set forth by the FCC, the merged company might not have the technical and operational expertise to maintain or improve the quality of service currently enjoyed by my constituents.

This merger must not disrupt our western states' core communications infrastructure. As you complete your review of the proposed merger, I urge you to consider enforceable commitments that safeguard all consumers.

Sincerely,



Byron Dorgan
United States Senate

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