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November 23, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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 Docket No. 10-110—Notice of Ex Parte Contact*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, November 22, John Jones and David Bartlett of CenturyLink, Inc., Melissa Newman and Mary Lafave of Qwest Communications International Inc., and I (on behalf of CenturyLink) met with Christi Shewman, Bill Dever, and Alexis Johns of the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) regarding the above-captioned applications.

The Applicants discussed the current state of broadband deployment on their respective networks, and CenturyLink stated that it is in the process of assessing how the combined company would address customer demand in the Qwest region for greater broadband coverage, higher transmission speeds, and more advanced capabilities, following the closing of the proposed merger.

In particular, CenturyLink noted that, through multiple acquisitions, it has established a track record for improving acquired properties and meeting customer needs. In the current acquisition it brings complimentary skills and capabilities to the acquired territory. For example, CenturyLink has a well-established history of investing in medium-sized and smaller communities, and offering high-speed broadband capability and advanced services that are competitive with those available in urban areas. CenturyLink intends to push fiber deeper into the Qwest network in both rural and urban areas, and to deploy advanced services using a fiber-to-the-node architecture and other state-of-the-art technologies. In addition to reducing the number of customers in the Qwest region who currently are unserved by broadband, CenturyLink has identified as a priority the needs of small businesses for higher transmission speeds and IP-based capability; CenturyLink hopes to provide small businesses access to a more sophisticated suite of offerings of the type typically available to enterprise customers. The Applicants also indicated that they intend to improve broadband availability and capacity to anchor institutions, to help drive broadband adoption, in the post-merger environment. The

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WCB staff posed several related questions to the Applicants about their business plans for further consideration.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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cc: William Dever
Alexis Johns
Christi Shewman