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EX PARTE VIA ECFS

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to inform you that on January 6, 2011, the applicants met with members of the Commission staff regarding the above-captioned proceeding. David Bartlett participated on behalf of CenturyLink. Karen Brinkmann and Alexander Maltas of Latham & Watkins participated as counsel to CenturyLink. Steve Davis and Melissa Newman participated on behalf of Qwest. The applicants met with Zac Katz, legal advisor to Chairman Genachowski, as well as Sharon Gillett, Bill Dever, and Jennifer Prime of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The applicants discussed their plans for post-merger broadband deployment, expansion, and adoption. They also noted that they had reached settlement agreements in several additional states in Qwest's and CenturyLink's territories that contain broadband commitments. They advocated prompt approval of the transaction based on the significant public interest benefits it will confer on consumers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Karen Brinkmann
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cc: Zac Katz
Sharon Gillett
Bill Dever
Jennifer Prime