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## EX PARTE VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

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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:

On March 10, 2011, John Jones of CenturyLink, Karen Brinkmann of Latham & Watkins, and Steve Davis and Melissa Newman of Qwest met separately with Commissioner Copps and Margaret McCarthy; Commissioner McDowell and Christine Kurth; Commissioner Clyburn, David Grimaldi, and Mitch Calhoun; and Commissioner Baker and Brad Gillen.

The Applicants discussed the contents of the voluntary commitment letter that they filed on March 9, 2011. They also discussed the list of parties with whom they have settled (attached as Exhibit 1 to this letter). The Applicants urged prompt approval of the transaction, and stated that they continue to target an April 1, 2011 closing date.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Very Truly Yours,

/s/

Karen Brinkmann  
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cc: Commissioner Copps  
Commissioner McDowell  
Commissioner Clyburn  
Commissioner Baker  
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