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Re: UT-133009 Eligible Telecommunications Carriers' annual filings to the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313.

CenturyLink 2013 Federal ETC Filing – Section 54.313(h) – Rate Floor Data

Dear Mr. King:

On November 18, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. With that Order, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

On June 10, 2013, the FCC released an Order in WC Docket No. 10-90 granting a limited waiver of the July 1 filing deadline for the annual ETC reporting requirements, with one exception.¹ As clarified by the FCC Order, ETCs with voice service rates below the rate floor² must file by July 1 the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h). Attached is this information for CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. and CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. as filed with the FCC on July 1.

Certain additional reporting requirements contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 applicable to 2013 as well as the proposed reporting template, FCC Form 481, are pending Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act. CenturyLink will provide any additional information required to be filed this year in accordance with the instructions and the timing to be published by the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) after it has obtained OMB approval.³

¹ See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 13-1348, (rel. June 10, 2013).

² Only ETCs that receive Federal High Cost Loop or High Cost Model Support are required to report residential basic rates below the rate floor.

³ See *id* Paragraph 4. (instructing that after OMB approval is announced in the Federal Register, the Bureau will release a Public Notice announcing the new deadlines for ETCs to submit their annual reports and for states or ETCs to file their section 54.314 certifications).

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Additional state-specific ETC certification information requirements will be provided pursuant to Washington rules and filing schedules. Consistent with past years, we request that you certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 in accordance with the deadline to be set by the FCC in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving Federal high cost support in Washington.

The access line data provided in response to 47 C.F.R. §54.313(h) is confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 and CenturyLink requests this information be treated as such. Confidential and redacted versions of the reports have been included as attachments to this letter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

Attachments