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*Via ECFS*

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*; WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In August 2015, CenturyLink accepted Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II support to deploy broadband service to over one million locations in thirty-three states. Using that support, CenturyLink has now enabled broadband service at speeds of at least 10/1 Mbps or higher to over 700,000 locations in CAF II census blocks in those states. This constitutes more than sixty percent of the company's national CAF II commitment. On a state-by-state basis, CenturyLink's current year-end data reflect that it met or exceeded the program's December 31, 2018 interim broadband deployment milestone in twenty-three states.

At this point, however, the data also reflect that CenturyLink may not have reached the deployment milestone in some states. Thus, in accord with 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d),<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink provides this notice that, based on preliminary year-end data, it may not have met the CAF Phase II sixty-percent interim deployment milestone in eleven states. Those states are Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Ohio, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.320(d) states that “[e]ligible telecommunications carriers subject to defined build-out milestones must notify the Commission and USAC, and the relevant state, U.S. Territory, or Tribal government, if applicable, within 10 business days after the applicable deadline if they have failed to meet a build-out milestone.”

<sup>2</sup> CenturyLink's preliminary data reflect that we have met the milestone in Montana and thus we currently include it as one of the twenty-three states in which we have met the milestone. Nevertheless, because that data show that we have only exceeded the milestone by a few

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CenturyLink continues its process to review, validate and confirm the data. By March 1, we will provide the vetted requisite information to the HUBB portal in accord with 47 C.F.R. § 54.316.

CenturyLink continues to deploy broadband to CAF II locations under the program, anticipates reaching the sixty-percent milestone in all thirty-three states soon, and remains committed to meeting its CAF II obligations. In accord with section 54.320(d), CenturyLink is also providing this notice to the Universal Service Administrative Company and to state commissions and relevant Tribal Governments in the impacted states. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey S. Lanning

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locations, we are also including Montana in this notice to comply with the notice requirement in the event our final location count drops slightly below the milestone.