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Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

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**Re: Docket No. UT-123013**

**CenturyLink’s Notice of Acceptance of 2013**

**Connect America Fund Phase I Incremental Support**

Dear Mr. King,

On May 22, 2013 the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) notified price cap carriers, including CenturyLink, of their eligible portion of the Connect America Fund Phase I (CAF Phase I) incremental support for 2013. The Commission allowed 90 days after the release of its Public Notice for carriers to file notices stating the amount of support each wishes to accept, and the areas by wire center and census block in which the carrier intends to deploy broadband to meet its obligation. The FCC required notices to be filed with the FCC, the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”), the relevant state commissions, and any affected tribal government.

Pursuant to the FCC established notice requirements, CenturyLink is pleased to provide the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission the attached information on its acceptance of CAF Phase I incremental support for 2013, that will be used to deploy broadband to locations in Washington. CenturyLink hereby accepts $2,787,725 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2013 in Washington. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 4,700 locations in Washington. Of these locations, 901 are locations which are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 768 kbps down and 200 kbps up and 3,799 are locations that are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 3 Mbps down and 768 kbps up.

Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in Washington. Attachment B identifies, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code, wire center CLLI code, NECA Company Code (OCN), and Study Area Code, where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement in Washington. Attachment C provides the certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), (6) & (8) related to CenturyLink’s acceptance of the 2013 CAF Phase I support discussed above.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please don’t hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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