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*Via Web Portal*

Steven V. King  
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**Re: Docket No. UT-170011  
United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink  
2017 Federal ETC Filing**

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 with the FCC by July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, however for 2017 this date has been extended to July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

The annual ETC reporting requirements are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC’s rules. For the reporting of the data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422, the FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be utilized by ETCs.

Included in the Form 481 information and for administrative ease in reporting Connect America Fund Phase 1 Incremental Support Program Round 2 information, USAC requested a cumulative filing depicting the full program enablement to be reported in year three.

CenturyLink uploaded its 2015 and 2016 Connect America Fund Phase II location information to the new Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) High Cost Universal Broadband (“HUBB”) reporting portal. USAC is also developing this portal to allow reports to be generated by State Commissions and any interested party. USAC has not identified when that capability will be available, but is working to have it available prior to this year’s October 1 ETC certification filing deadline.

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Attached are the public and confidential versions of the Form 481 for United Telephone Company of the Northwest as filed with the FCC on or before July 3, 2017. The outage information that is company proprietary information provided in response to § 54.313(a)(2) in the Form 481 is confidential. The detailed broadband speed availability information at the exchange level provided in response to § 54.313(a)(7) is also confidential. CenturyLink requests that this information be treated as such in Washington.

Consistent with past years, we request that you certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by October 1, 2017 in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving Federal high cost support in Washington.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (206) 345-6224 or via email at [phil.grate@centurylink.com](mailto:phil.grate@centurylink.com) should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip E. Grate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Philip E. Grate

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Enclosures