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# Via Overnight delivery

Mr. Steven V. King

Executive Director and Secretary

1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.

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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

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 of FCC Form 481

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 each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

On June 10, 2013, the FCC granted a limited waiver of the July 1 filing deadline for the annual ETC reporting requirements for 2013, with one exception. [[1]](#footnote-1) ETCs with voice service rates below the rate floor[[2]](#footnote-2) were required to file by July 1 the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h). That same Order also noted that the final requirements for 2013 and the new filing deadlines would be set in a subsequent Order following Paperwork Reduction Act approval of the FCC’s reporting requirements and proposed reporting form.

On August 6, 2013, the FCC released an Order, DA 13-707, identifying the reporting requirements contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 that are now approved and applicable in 2013 as well as setting October 15, 2013 as the deadline for ETCs to file the required information. [[3]](#footnote-3) The FCC also released the required reporting template, FCC Form 481, for use by all ETCs.

Attached are complete copies of the FCC Form 481 for Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. and CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. (combined), CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. and United Telephone Company of the Northwest as filed by CenturyLink with the FCC. CenturyLink is filing public and confidential version of the FCC Form 481.[[4]](#footnote-4) The outage and Tribal engagement information provided in response to 47 C.F.R. §54.313 (a) (2) and (9), respectively, is confidential and was filed confidentially with the FCC and CenturyLink requests this information be treated as such in Washington.

Consistent with past years, we request that you certify to the FCC as required by 47 C.F.R § 54.314 by the deadline of December 16, 2013 that CenturyLink should continue receiving Federal high cost support in Washington.

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

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

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Attachments

1. See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 13-1348, (rel. June 10, 2013). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. See *In the Matter of Connect America Fund*, Order, WC Docket No. 10-90, DA 13-707, (rel. August 6, 2013). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. In some cases, the printing capabilities of the USAC Form 481 automated system does not allow the complete outage data to appear on the printed pages. A corrected complete page is attached as an addendum to the report. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)