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*Via E-mail and  
Overnight Delivery*

Mr. David Danner, Executive Director  
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: CenturyLink FCC ETC Informational Filing

Dear Mr. Danner,

On November 18, 2011 the FCC released its USF/ICC Transformation Order. With that Order, the FCC has begun a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETCs”) and has set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file by April 1 of each year. The Order also requires ETCs to file the same information with the respective state commissions.

For 2012, ETCs must file information by April 2, 2012 that fulfills 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(2) through (a)(6) to the extent the information has been provided to the state commissions pursuant to state ETC certification requirements. CenturyLink hereby provides this information to the WUTC as required by the USF/ICC Transformation Order. Additional state-specific ETC certification requirements will be provided pursuant to Washington ETC Certification obligations and on current filing schedules. Consistent with past years, you will need to certify to the FCC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.314 in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving Federal high cost support in Washington.

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Information that fulfills 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(7), (a)(8), and (h) will be filed after notice from the FCC of OMB approval of the new reporting requirements for these items. CenturyLink will provide this information to the WUTC when it is filed with the FCC.

Information provided in response to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(a)(2) is confidential and CenturyLink requests this information be treated as such as provided by WAC 480-07-160. A redacted version of the report is also included.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Reynolds

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