September 7, 2016

Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

      Re: In the Matter of CenturyLink QC's Request for Certification regarding its Use
              of Federal Universal Service Support
              Docket No. TC16-039

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

At the August 30 Commission meeting, Chairman Nelson requested information concerning CenturyLink QC's progress regarding CAF in 2016 and its plans for 2017. Pursuant to that request, enclosed is a document that provides the following information by wire center:

    1.   The number of living units CenturyLink QC has enabled pursuant to the
          Connect America Fund to date;

    2.   The number of living units in progress that CenturyLink QC expects to
          complete in 2016; and

    3.   The number of living units CenturyLink QC plans to enable in 2017.

For the 2017 plans, you will note that the units per wire center do not add up to the total planned living units listed at the bottom of the cart. CenturyLink QC is in the preliminary stages of planning and therefore has not finalized the locations where it will build in 2017.

In addition, all of these numbers are subject to change. For past projects, the number of living units enabled can change if field analysis demonstrates that more or fewer locations are enabled than the engineering plans anticipate. For future construction, plans can change
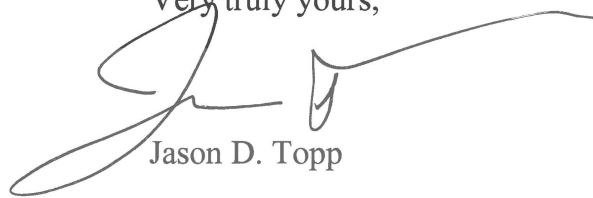
as field or market conditions dictate. Nonetheless, this information provides our best current picture of the current status of our project.

Also enclosed is a Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

We hope this information provides the Commission with the information it needs. If you need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

cc: Service List (via e-mail)