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

Re: CenturyLink's Notice of Acceptance of Connect America Fund
Phase I Incremental Support


Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On April 25, 2012, 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). 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 and the relevant state commissions.

Pursuant to the FCC established notice requirements, CenturyLink is pleased to provide the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission the attached information on its acceptance of CAF Phase I funding that will be used to deploy broadband to locations in South Dakota.

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

Very truly yours,



Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of July, 2012, the foregoing information on its acceptance of CAF Phase I funding was E-Filed upon the following party:

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Executive Director
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and copies sent electronically or via U.S. mail, addressed to the following:



Dianne Barthel

July 24, 2012

CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT

CenturyLink hereby notifies the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that it has accepted \$139,500 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2012 to be used to deploy broadband to locations in South Dakota. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 180 locations in South Dakota. Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in South Dakota. Attachment B identifies by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement. CenturyLink will provide additional data for such locations, including 2010 Census Block FIPS code, NECA Company Code (OCN), Study Area Code, wire center CLLI code, latitude, and longitude, when such information becomes available, which shall be no later than one year from the date of this letter. The attached file contains blanks for columns for which no data are currently available.

Further, CenturyLink hereby provides additional information on the estimated Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for South Dakota if CenturyLink's waiver petition filed with the FCC on June 26, 2012 is granted.¹ If CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted as filed, CenturyLink would accept CAF Phase I support of \$250,325 and deploy broadband to 323 locations in South Dakota. Attachment C identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in South Dakota assuming CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted. Attachment D identifies by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement if CenturyLink's waiver petition is granted.

Finally, CenturyLink is providing as Attachment E the certification required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3) related to its acceptance of the CAF Phase I support discussed above.

¹ CenturyLink's waiver petition requested a limited waiver of 47 C.F.R. §54.312(b), which requires CAF I recipients to deploy broadband service to locations "shown as unserved by fixed broadband on the then-current version of the National Broadband Map."