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August 20, 2013

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

**Re: CenturyLink's Notice of Acceptance of 2013 Connect America Fund  
Phase I Incremental Support**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On May 22, 2013, 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) incremental support for 2013. 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, the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC"), the relevant state commissions, and any affected tribal government.

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 incremental support for 2013 that will be used to deploy broadband to locations in South Dakota. CenturyLink hereby accepts \$48,900 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase I incremental support for 2013 in South Dakota. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, CenturyLink will deploy broadband to 75 locations in South Dakota. Of these locations, 34 are locations which are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 768 kbps down and 200 kbps up and 41 are locations that are unserved by broadband at speeds of at least 3 Mbps down and 768 kbps up.

Attachment A identifies the funding amounts for the impacted CenturyLink entities in South Dakota. Attachment B identifies, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code, wire center CLLI code, NECA Company Code (OCN), and Study Area Code, where CenturyLink will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement in South Dakota. Attachment C provides the certifications

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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director

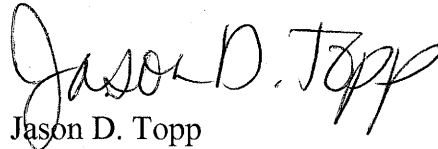
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required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), (6) & (8) related to CenturyLink's acceptance of the 2013 CAF Phase I support discussed above.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason D. Topp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 20th day of August, 2013, the foregoing information on **CenturyLink's Notice of Acceptance of 2013 Connect America Fund Phase I Incremental Support** was E-Filed upon the following party:

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
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and copies sent electronically or via U.S. mail, addressed to the following:



Dianne Barthel

Attachment "A"

<b>State</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>SAC</b>	<b>SPIN</b>	<b>Amount</b>
SD	SD Qwest	100 CenturyLink Drive ATTN: Lisa Grantham Mailstop DH001L0101-1NW702 Monroe, LA 71201	395145	143005231	\$ 48,900

## Attachment "B"

State	2010 Census Block Code (GEOID10)	NECA Company Code (OCN)	Study Area Code (SAC)	Wire Center (CLLI)	Locations at \$550	Locations at \$775	Copper-fed DSLAM Locations <sup>1</sup>
SD	460159731003063	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	2	0
SD	460159731003084	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	2	0
SD	460159731003085	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	8	0
SD	460159731003086	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159731003090	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	2	0
SD	460159731003092	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	3	0
SD	460159731003106	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159731003120	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	2	0
SD	460159731003122	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	3	0
SD	460159731003123	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159731003134	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	2	0
SD	460159731003291	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	4	0
SD	460159731003294	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159732002037	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159732002043	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	0	1	0
SD	460159732003029	5145	395145	CHBLSDCO	1	0	1
SD	461030116005100	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	1	0	0
SD	461030116005123	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	2	0	0
SD	461030116005155	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	2	0	0
SD	461030116005164	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	2	0	0
SD	461030116005166	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	5	0	0
SD	461030116005167	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	14	0	0
SD	461030116005168	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	12	0	0
SD	461030116005169	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	1	0	0
SD	461030116005171	5145	395145	RPVYSDCO	1	0	0

<sup>1</sup>Copper-fed DSLAM locations are included in 'Locations at \$550' (Column F), and should not be counted separately when calculating funding

CERTIFICATION  
FOR CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2013  
CONNECT AMERICA FUND PHASE I INCREMENTAL SUPPORT  
WC DOCKET NOS. 10-90, 05-337

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(c)(5), (6) & (8), the undersigned certifies that

(1) the locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirement associated with these funds, identified by wire center and 2010 Census block ID in the attached files, are shown, on the current version of the National Broadband Map (NBM) (data as of June 2012), as unserved by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than CenturyLink or an affiliate;

(2) to the best of the knowledge of CenturyLink, these locations are, in fact, unserved by fixed Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream, or 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream, as appropriate;

(3) CenturyLink's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment requirement;

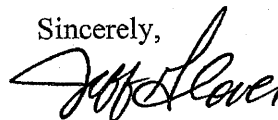
(4) this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation;

(5) CenturyLink has undertaken due diligence to determine that the locations in question are not within the service area of projects under either the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program that will provide Internet access with speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream;

(6) CenturyLink has prioritized its planned projects or routes so as to maximize the deployment of broadband-capable infrastructure to locations lacking Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps downstream and 200 kbps upstream; and

(7) for the locations that CenturyLink has identified in the attached files that the current NBM (data as of June 2012) shows as served by CenturyLink or an affiliate with speeds of 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream or greater, CenturyLink or an affiliate is the only entity providing such service, the locations do not actually receive speeds of 3 Mbps downstream and 768 kbps upstream, and the locations are served through a copper-fed digital subscriber line access multiplexer (DSLAM).

Sincerely,



Jeff Glover  
Vice President  
Regulatory Operations