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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Re: CenturyLink's Updated Voice Rate Information Pursuant to  
47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)(2)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In connection with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC's") November 18, 2011 *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al, and pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)(2) CenturyLink is filing updated local residential rate data. The *USF/ICC Transformation Order* introduced a low rate adjustment whereby high cost Federal Universal Service Support is reduced to the extent residential basic rates fall below a specified rate floor. In the *CAF II Omnibus Order* the FCC revised the transition to the national average urban rate for the purpose of the low rate adjustment and set \$16.00 as the effective rate floor commencing January 2, 2015 (rates effective December 1, 2014) through June 30, 2016.<sup>1</sup>

In this filing, CenturyLink is updating the residential voice rate information for those companies where monthly rates have been increased since CenturyLink's July 1, 2014 submission.

As required for the *USF/ICC Transformation Order*, CenturyLink is providing the Commission a copy of the information as filed with the FCC. The access line data provided is confidential. CenturyLink requests this information be treated as such as provided by ARSD 20:10:01:41 and ARSD 20:10:01:39 (4). Also enclosed is a Request for Confidential Treatment of Information.

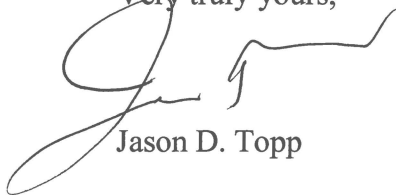
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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.*, Report and Order, Declaratory Ruling, Order, Mem. Op. & Order, 7th Order on Recon., & FNPRM, WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., FCC 14-54, ¶80, (rel. June 10, 2014) ("*CAF II Omnibus*"). The FCC set the rate floor at \$20.46 but waived reduction of federal high-cost support for rates at or above \$16.00 for rates reported between January 2, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Topp", with a large loop on the left side and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, CenturyLink's Updated Voice Rate Information Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.313(h)(2) and Request for Confidential Treatment of Information were E-Filed upon the following party:

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