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Re: In the Matter of the Request of Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC Study Area: 395145 for Certification Regarding its Use of Federal Universal Service Support  
Docket No. TC17-033

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

During the Commission meeting held on August 15 regarding the above-referenced matter, Commissioner Nelson asked questions concerning CenturyLink's filing. The purpose of this letter is to provide responses to Commissioner Nelson's inquiries.

1. Concerning Attachments B and C, Commissioner Nelson inquired why several wire centers were not listed that were eligible for CAF funding and where he thought CAF dollars were spent. These wire centers were generally associated with bigger cities, such as Vermillion, Pierre, Sioux Falls, Mitchell and Rapid City.

CenturyLink responds that the original attachments inadvertently excluded larger wire centers.

2. Commissioner Nelson also inquired about the build for the Colman exchange that he understood would be completed next year. CenturyLink's projected 2018 spend does not suggest that is the case. Commissioner Nelson wanted to know what changed and if there was any way to move Colman into our 2018 plan.

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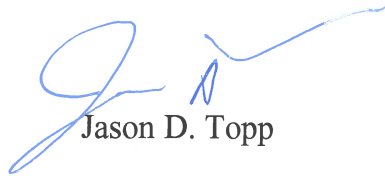
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CenturyLink expects the Colman investment to be completed by the end of 2017. The 2018 projections are very preliminary and subject to change during the planning cycle which has not yet started. The final 2018 CAF plans have not been finalized and are subject to change.

In light of Commissioner Nelson's questions, we revisited our prior investment estimates and revised them to better reflect actual projects and all wire centers. The planning process for 2018 has not yet begun but CenturyLink expects to invest sufficiently to meet FCC requirements. Enclosed for filing are revised Supplemental Confidential Attachment B and revised Confidential Attachment C.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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