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September 18, 2009

Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman  
c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon  
Docket Manager  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

**Re: Notification of Adoption of Assumed Corporate Name for CenturyTel  
Acquisitions, LLC; Docket No. 09-00143**

Dear Chairman Kyle:

This letter is to notify the Authority that CenturyTel Acquisitions, LLC has filed with the Secretary of State to do business as "CenturyLink", and that its registered name will now be CenturyTel Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Acquisitions, a CenturyLink company. Pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-4-1-.08(2), please find enclosed the following documentation:

Exhibit A: Registration of the new "CenturyLink" name with the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State.

Exhibit B: A copy of the customer notification letter.

The company is in the process of reviewing whether it has any surety bonds or letters of credit on file pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-125, and will update the corporate name on those documents to reflect the new assumed name.

This name change is in conjunction with the merger of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc., approved by the Authority by Order dated May 12, 2009 in Docket No. 08-00219. This letter is one in a series of letters being filed concurrently with the Authority to notify it of the new assumed corporate name of all of CenturyTel's and Embarq's Tennessee regulated subsidiaries.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Notices of new assumed corporate names are being concurrently filed for the following CenturyTel and Embarq Tennessee regulated subsidiaries: United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a Embarq; Embarq Communications, Inc.; Embarq Payphone Services, Inc.; CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc; CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.; CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.; CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC; CenturyTel Solutions, LLC; CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC; Madison River Communications, LLC; and CenturyTel Acquisitions, LLC.

The market launch of the combined company under the new unified "CenturyLink" brand name is anticipated to occur on October 19, 2009, at which time the company will begin using the new name publicly.

It is our understanding that prior Authority approval is required for the adoption of assumed corporate names. We respectfully request that the Staff review this notification as promptly as possible and grant this request for adoption of an assumed name.

An original and seven (7) copies of this letter are enclosed for filing, along with a \$25.00 filing fee. Kindly date-stamp and return the enclosed extra copy of this letter in the envelope provided. If you have any questions, or need additional information about the above, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Dale Grimes" followed by a stylized flourish that looks like "eme".

R. Dale Grimes

cc: Jeanne W. Stockman

# **Exhibit A**

## **Secretary of State Registration**

Secretary of State  
Division of Business Services  
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue  
6th Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

DATE: 07/29/09  
REQUEST NUMBER: 6574-2530  
TELEPHONE CONTACT: (615) 741-2286  
FILE DATE/TIME: 07/28/09 1217  
EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME:  
CONTROL NUMBER: 0489909

TO:  
CFS  
8161 HWY 100, 172  
NASHVILLE, TN 37221

RE:  
CENTURYLINK ACQUISITION  
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ASSUMED NAME -  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE FILING OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WITH AN EFFECTIVE  
DATE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

WHEN CORRESPONDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR SUBMITTING DOCUMENTS FOR FILING, PLEASE  
REFER TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY CONTROL NUMBER GIVEN ABOVE.

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FOR: APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ASSUMED NAME -  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

ON DATE: 07/28/09

FROM:  
CAPITAL FILING SERVICE (CFS)  
8161 HIGHWAY 100  
#172  
NASHVILLE, TN 37221-0000

	RECEIVED:	FEES
	\$20.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PAYMENT RECEIVED:		\$20.00


RECEIPT NUMBER: 00004652356  
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 00101230



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*Lee Hargett*  
TRE HARGETT  
SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED  
STATE OF TENNESSEE

<p><b>State of Tennessee</b>  <b>Department of State</b> Corporate Filings 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, William R. Snodgrass Tower Nashville, TN 37243</p>	<p>For Office Use Only 2009 JUL 28 PM 12:17 TRE HANCOCK SECRETARY OF STATE</p>				
<p align="center"><b>APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ASSUMED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY NAME</b></p>					
<p>Pursuant to the provisions of §48-207-101 (d) of the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act or §48-249-106(d) of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act, the undersigned Limited Liability Company hereby submits this application:</p> <p>1. The true name of the Limited Liability Company is: _____ CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC</p>					
<p>2. The state or country of organization is: _____ Louisiana</p>					
<p>3. The Limited Liability Company intends to transact business under an assumed Limited Liability Company name.</p>					
<p>4. The assumed Limited Liability Company name the Limited Liability Company proposes to use is: CenturyLink Acquisition</p>					
<p><b>NOTE: The assumed Limited Liability Company name must meet the requirements of §48-207-101 of the Tennessee Limited Liability Company Act or §48-249-106 of the Tennessee Revised Limited Liability Company Act, as applicable.</b></p>					
<table border="0"><tr><td data-bbox="203 1312 682 1575"><p>7/23/09 _____ Signature Date</p></td><td data-bbox="682 1312 1419 1575"><p>CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC _____ Name of Limited Liability Company</p></td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="203 1575 682 1864"><p>_____ Manager _____ Signer's Capacity</p></td><td data-bbox="682 1575 1419 1864"><p><i>Kay Buchart</i> _____ Signature  Kay Buchart _____ Name (typed or printed)</p></td></tr></table>		<p>7/23/09 _____ Signature Date</p>	<p>CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC _____ Name of Limited Liability Company</p>	<p>_____ Manager _____ Signer's Capacity</p>	<p><i>Kay Buchart</i> _____ Signature  Kay Buchart _____ Name (typed or printed)</p>
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<p>_____ Manager _____ Signer's Capacity</p>	<p><i>Kay Buchart</i> _____ Signature  Kay Buchart _____ Name (typed or printed)</p>				
<p>SS-4230 (Rev. 01/06)</p>	<p>Filing Fee: \$20.00 RDA 2458</p>				

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# **Exhibit B**

## **Customer Notification Letter**

## **Bulk Transfer Customer Bill Message**

We are excited to announce that CenturyTel and EMBARQ have merged to create one of the leading communications companies in the United States, and will soon begin operating as CenturyLink. We're sending you this notice so you understand what this news means for you.

Combining CenturyTel and EMBARQ creates a stronger, more efficient and competitive company called CenturyLink, with operations in 33 states and approximately 7.5 million access lines and more than 2 million broadband customers. It will also enable us to maintain the high quality of service you have come to expect and provide the new services you will want in the future.

In the coming months, you will begin seeing the CenturyLink name and logo where you see the CenturyTel and EMBARQ names and logos today, including on your bill. There will be no charges to you for any changes to your carrier's operating name as a result of this merger. However, as a customer, you have a right to select your own service provider. Unless you desire to select a new provider of your communications service, you do not need to take any action.

Keep in mind, if you change carriers, a transfer charge may apply and you may lose bundled discounts or other benefits you currently enjoy. If you previously requested a freeze on your account to block changes to your preferred local and/or long distance carrier, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require us to lift the freeze at the time you elect to change carriers. If you want the freeze reinstated or if you have other questions, please contact your customer service representative at 1-800-366-8201 for residential customers and 1-877-436-2277 for business customers.

At this time, there are no planned changes, outside of already approved regulatory plans, to your current plan, rates, features, terms and conditions of your service as a result of the merger or this change in operating name. Your rates are listed on this bill. Your terms and conditions can be found at [www.centurytel.com](http://www.centurytel.com) or at [www.embarq.com](http://www.embarq.com).

CenturyLink looks forward to the opportunity to continue to serve your communications needs, and we will continue to inform you of developments as they occur.