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Chairman Mary Freeman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Application of CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale to Enter Price Regulation

## Dear Chairman Freeman:

Enclosed are an original and four (4) copies of the Application of CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale ("CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale") to enter price regulation. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale has already filed this application electronically and this letter is the required follow-up to that filing.

CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale will provide a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the required filing fee by separate cover. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Penne W. Stockman

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Enclosures

cc: Pamela Wescott

## **BEFORE THE**

## TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale to Enter Price Regulation	<u> </u>	
APPLICATION		

CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale ("CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale"), pursuant to TCA § 65-5-109, hereby applies to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") for approval to enter price regulation. In support of this Application, CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale shows the following:

- 1. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale elects to adopt price regulation as the form of regulation applicable to it effective upon approval of the Authority.
- 2. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale's initial rates under price regulation will be the same as those currently in place today for all basic local exchange telephone services and non-basic services as defined in TCA § 65-5-108. These rates were in effect as of January 1, 2009 and are deemed affordable by operation of TCA §§ 65-5-109(c) and (s).
- 3. As a price-regulated company, CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale will maintain affordable basic and non-basic rates in accordance with TCA § 65-5-109.
- 4. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale will comply with the rate cap for initial basic local exchange telephone service set forth in TCA § 65-5-109(f) applicable to price-regulated companies.

- 5. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale will comply with the maximum rates for interconnection services set forth in TCA § 65-5-109(g).
- 6. CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale respectfully submits that continued commitment to the FYI Tennessee master plan as described in TCA § 65-5-109(k) is no longer applicable because CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale has completed funded requirements.
- 7. Upon receiving approval to operate pursuant to price regulation, CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale will comply with all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to price-regulated companies.

## CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale respectfully requests that the Authority issue an order approving this Application in accordance with TCA § 65-5-109(c).

Respectfully submitted,

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