

Jeanne W. Stockman
Counsel



NCWKFR0315 - 3162
14111 Capital Blvd.
Wake Forest, NC 27587
Tel: 919.554.7621

February 7, 2011

filed electronically in docket office on 02/07/11
Docket No. 11-00025

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

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

Dear Chairman Freeman:

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

CenturyLink will be forwarding 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,


Jeanne W. Stockman

JWS:rc

Enclosures

cc: Pamela Wescott

**BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

In Re:

Application of CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.
d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne for Approval
to Enter Price Regulation

)
)
)
)
)

Docket No. _____

APPLICATION

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne ("CenturyLink Claiborne"), 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 Claiborne shows the following:

1. CenturyLink Claiborne elects to adopt price regulation as the form of regulation applicable to it effective on approval of the Authority.
2. CenturyLink Claiborne'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 Claiborne will maintain affordable basic and non-basic rates in accordance with TCA § 65-5-109.
4. CenturyLink Claiborne 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 Claiborne will comply with the maximum rates for interconnection services set forth in TCA § 65-5-109(g).

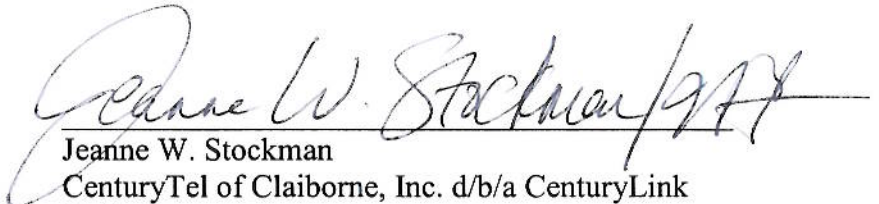
6. CenturyLink Claiborne respectfully submits that continued commitment to the FYI Tennessee master plan as described in TCA § 65-5-109(k) is no longer applicable because CenturyLink Claiborne has completed funded requirements.

7. Upon receiving approval to operate pursuant to price regulation, CenturyLink Claiborne will comply with all statutes, rules and regulations applicable to price-regulated companies.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeanne W. Stockman" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jeanne W. Stockman
CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
Claiborne

Mailstop: NCWKFR0313

14111 Capital Boulevard

Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587-5900

Telephone: 919-554-7621

Fax: 919-554-7913

Jeanne.W.Stockman@CenturyLink.com

Dated: February 7, 2011