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July 5, 2011

David Foster Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505 (615)741-2904

Re: Rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier ETC Self-Certification of Eligibility to

Receive Rural Universal Service Funds for Fiscal Year 2012. Docket No. 11-00101.

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. dba CenturyLink CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. dba CenturyLink

CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. dba CenturyLink

Dear Mr. Foster:

Enclosed please find the signed and notarized affidavits for the above mentioned companies in regards to the State Certifications for Universal Service. Please note, per your email to Pam Wescott dated July 5, 2011, United Telephone Southwest, LLC dba CenturyLink is not submitting an affidavit as it does not qualify for high cost funding.

The Companies hereby request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority submits a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ('FCC') and the Universal Service Administration Company ('USAC') prior to October 1, 2011, verifying that the Companies are in compliance with section 245(e) of the Telecommunications Act and notifying them that the Companies are eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Attached for filing with the FCC and USAC is an affidavit attesting to the fact that any Federal Universal Service Funds the Companies may receive will be used as intended in compliance with the Telecommunications Act.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at (318) 362-1246, or Pam Wescott at (615) 255-0155.

Sincerely,

Amy Young

Regulatory Analyst

Enclosures

DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIERS ('ETC') TO RECEIVE FEDERAL UNIVERSAL FUNDS PURSUANT TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S REPORT AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF OUACHITA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared David D. Cole for CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. dba CenturyLink ('Company'), who on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David D. Cole. I am employed by the Company in the position of Senior Vice President and Controller. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
- The Company was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- 3. All Federal High Cost Support, including high cost loop support, local switching support, high-cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high-cost model support, and hold harmless support, received by the Company are used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with 47 U.S.C. §254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area:
 - (a) voice grade access to the public switched network;
 - (b) local usage;
 - (c) dual tone multi frequency signaling, or its functional equivalent;
 - (d) single party service, or its functional equivalent;
 - (e) access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911 service to the extent the local government in the eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems;
 - (f) access to operator services;
 - (g) access to interexchange service;
 - (h) access to directory assistance;
 - (i) toll blocking for qualifying low-income customers; and
 - (j) toll limitation control for qualifying low-income customers.

4. During the previous calendar year, 2010, the Company received \$2,128,529 in total federal universal support. Of this amount, \$1,078,734 was from high cost loop, \$250,940 was from local switching support, and \$798,855 was from interstate common line support is certified by the Federal Communications Commission through a separate certification process.

The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290552.

The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

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David D. Cole Senior Vice President and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this Asy of June, 2011.

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- 4. During the previous calendar year, 2010, the Company received \$1,933,470 in total federal universal support. Of this amount, \$1,034,576 was from high cost loop, \$197,920 was from local switching support, and \$700,974 was from interstate common line support. Interstate common line support is certified by the Federal Communications Commission through a separate certification process.
 - The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290557. 5.
 - 6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Senior Vice President and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of June, 2011.

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 - (j) toll limitation control for qualifying low-income customers.

- During the previous calendar year, 2010, the Company received \$2,328,678 in total 4. federal universal support. Of this amount, \$1,125,834 was from high cost loop, \$431,286 was from local switching support, and \$771,558 was from interstate common line support. Interstate common line support is certified by the Federal Communications Commission through a separate certification process.
 - 5. The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290574.
 - 6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct. FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Senior Vice President and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 13th day of June, 2011.

Notary Public

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