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VIA ELECTRONIC AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman
c/o Sharla Dillon
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: Petition to Eliminate State Lifeline Credit – Docket No. 12-00035

Dear Chairman Hill:

The United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Adamsville, CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne, and CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale (collectively "CenturyLink") submits this correspondence in the above-referenced docket. CenturyLink has reviewed the Direct Testimony of Paul T. Stinson submitted on behalf of Bell South Communications, LLC d/b/a AT&T Tennessee ("AT&T"). Centurylink supports and agrees with the statements contained in AT&T's Direct Testimony.

CenturyLink will continue to participate in this docket, including legal brief and any oral argument and deliberation in this matter, as requested and as necessary to protect its interests. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue Benedek", written over a horizontal line.

Sue Benedek, Esquire

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cc: Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer
All Parties on the attached Certificate of Service

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify this 2nd of October, 2012, a copy of the foregoing document was served, via electronic mail to the following parties:

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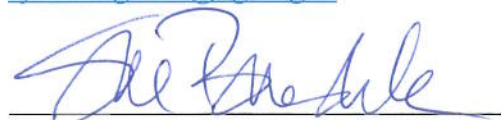
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