

July 30, 2014

## VIA ELECTRONIC AND OVERNIGHT MAIL

Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Certification of Eligibility to Receive Universal Service Funds

CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

United Telephone Southeast, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink

Docket No. 14-00071

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Enclosed please find the signed and notarized affidavits for the above mentioned companies in regards to the State Certifications for Universal Service.

The Companies hereby request that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ('FCC') and the Universal Service Administration Company ('USAC') before October 1, 2014, 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 (615) 986-2727 or Amy Young at (318) 362-1246.

Sincerely,

Pam Wescott

Director of State Regulatory and

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## STATE OF LOUISIANA

## PARISH OF OUACHITA

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

- 1. My name is David D. Cole. I am employed by CenturyTel Service Group, LLC. in the position of Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. I am an officer of the Company and 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 received by the Company in Tennessee was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

- 4. During the previous calendar year, 2013, the Company received \$1,882,081 in total federal universal service support. Of this amount, \$1,848,816 was from frozen high cost support, \$16,359 was from intercarrier compensation support, \$5,722 was from incremental support, and \$11,184 was from true-ups or adjustments to prior year local switching support.
- 5. The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290552.
- 6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of May, 2014.

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### STATE OF LOUISIANA

## PARISH OF OUACHITA

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

- 1. My name is David D. Cole. I am employed by CenturyTel Service Group, LLC. in the position of Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. I am an officer of the Company and 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 received by the Company in Tennessee was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

- 4. During the previous calendar year, 2013, the Company received \$1,811,782 in total federal universal service support. Of this amount, \$1,604,220 was from frozen high cost support, \$19,164 was from intercarrier compensation support, \$183,538 was from incremental support, and \$4,860 was from true-ups or adjustments to prior year local switching support.
- 5. The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290557.
- The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

David D. Cole

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 22 day of May, 2014.

Notary Public

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared David D. Cole for CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ('Company'), who on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David D. Cole. I am employed by CenturyTel Service Group, LLC. in the position of Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. I am an officer of the Company and in this position, I am personally familiar with the federal universal service support received by the Company and how the Company uses these funds.
- 2. The Company was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- 3. All federal high cost support received by the Company in Tennessee was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

- 4. During the previous calendar year, 2013, the Company received \$2,295,519 in total federal universal service support. Of this amount, \$2,298,540 was from frozen high cost support, \$7,683 was from intercarrier compensation support, and (\$10,704) was from true-ups or adjustments to prior year local switching support.
- 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.

David D. Cole

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2 1dd day of May, 2014

Notary Public

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared David D. Cole for United Telephone Company Southeast, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (Tennessee) ('Company'), who on his oath deposed and said:

- 1. My name is David D. Cole. I am employed by CenturyTel Service Group, LLC. in the position of Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller for CenturyLink, Inc. I am an officer of the Company and 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 received by the Company in Tennessee was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year 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 supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout the Company's study area.

- 4. During the previous calendar year, 2013, the Company received \$1,995,799 in total federal universal service support. Of this amount, \$1,649,760 was from frozen high cost support, \$122,463 was from intercarrier compensation support, and \$223,576 was from incremental support.
- 5. The Company is assigned Study Area Code ('SAC') number: 290567.
- 6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

David D. Cole

Executive Vice President of Operations Support and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this day of May, 2014.

Notary Public

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires:

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