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Mr. Beal,

Last month we discussed the transaction between Connect Holdings and Lumen Technologies described in the letter dated October 15, 2021 that was assigned to TPUC Docket No. 21-00120. I informed you that Commission approval of a transfer of control is required when a certificated telecommunications company has not elected market regulation pursuant to T.C.A. 65-5-109.

CenturyTel Broadband Services, LLC (CTBS) is Lumen subsidiary that will be transferred to Connect Holdings. CTBS was granted a certificate of convenience and necessity via an order dated February 2, 2022 in TPUC Docket No. 21-00113. To date, the Commission has not received notification that CTBS elects market regulation. The requirement in T.C.A 65-4-113(a) that “no public utility ... shall transfer all or any part of its authority to provide utility services, derived from its certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the commission, to any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity without first obtaining the approval of the commission” applies to CTBS.

Please contact me so we can set up a time to discuss filing a petition seeking Commission approval of the transaction described in the October 15, 2021 letter in Docket No. 21-00120 for CTBS. Also, feel free to contact me to discuss matters related to the election of market regulation pursuant to T.C.A. 65-5-109.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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