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Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary  
Idaho Public Utilities Commission  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

*CEN-T-15-05*

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Enclosed is the application of CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. for the broadband tax credit for the year 2014. This application is being submitted for Commission determination that the broadband equipment installed for 2014 meets the definition of qualified broadband equipment as found in Idaho code 63-3029I.

**1. Name address of the applicant:**

CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc.  
100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203

**Contact Person:**

Jonathan Robinson, Vice-President Tax  
Phone: 318-330-6261

CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. is a Telecommunications Carrier

**2. Identify the area or location where the equipment is installed in Idaho.**

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for equipment installed in the year 2014. See Exhibit 2 for retirements.

Broadband investment and retirements by year are as follows:

| YEAR | INVESTMENT | RETIREMENTS | NET INVESTMENT |
|------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2014 | \$73,953   | \$0         | \$73,953       |

100 CenturyLink Drive  
Monroe, LA 71203  
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**3. Type of Broadband service offered to the public in Idaho.**

CenturyTel of Idaho uses terrestrial wire line technology. Various forms of DSL-based equipment are used (ADSL & VDSL in various vintages). Transport is a mix of fiber optic and metallic cable, which typically is also supporting traditional telephony services. Equipment terminals are located in Central Office buildings, remote buildings and in cabinets on concrete pads each serving a neighborhood.

**4. Network Transmission rate:**

Please refer to Exhibit 3 for the year 2014.

**5. Provide a specific list of equipment types that the application is requesting the Commission to determine is "qualified broadband equipment" as defined in Idaho Code Section 63-3029I.**

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the year 2014.

**6. Installation dates:**

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the year 2014.

**7. Written description of our Broadband Network including a description of how the installed equipment is an "integral part" of the broadband network:**

Services are supported by our telecommunications network which consists of voice and data switches (circuit and packet), copper and fiber optic cables and transmission equipment. At central office building and at remote sites, multiplexers and advanced digital switches are controlled by licensed software. Fiber-optic cable is the primary transport media between nodes including interconnection points with other carriers. We continue to enhance and expand our network as broadband enabled technology improves and as customers, new and existing, demand significant additional capacity.

**8. Percentage and number of potential subscribers:**

Please refer to Exhibit 4 for the year 2014.

**9. Certified statement from applicant:**

Please See Exhibit 5.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (318) 330-6261.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Robinson  
Vice President- Tax

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# **EXHIBIT 1**

## **Equipment Installed In Idaho**

**2014**

**CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC**  
**Equipment Installed In Idaho 2014**  
**EXHIBIT 1**

**EXCHANGE**

| <b>INVESTMENT REASON</b>   | <b>DESCRIPTION</b> | <b>LEADORE</b> | <b>SALMON</b> | <b>Grand Total</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| DSL GROWTH                 | CONSTANTS          | 2,536          |               | 2,536              |
| HSI BANDWIDTH AUGMENTATION | ENGINEERING        |                | 6,195         | 6,195              |
|                            | NEW FEATURES       |                | 979           | 979                |
| NATL MARKET REV - BUSINESS | ENGINEERING        | 5,464          |               | 5,464              |
|                            | FIBER OPTIC        | 29,199         |               | 29,199             |
|                            | TRANSMISSION/DLC   | 14,159         |               | 14,159             |
| NETWORK PLAN - ACCESS      | CONSTANTS          | 13,838         |               | 13,838             |
|                            | COPPER             |                | 997           | 997                |
|                            | ENGINEERING        |                | 1,404         | 1,404              |
| NETWORK RELIABILITY        | ENGINEERING        | 8              | (828)         | (820)              |
|                            | SWITCHING          | 0              | 0             | 0                  |
| <b>Grand Total</b>         |                    | <b>65,205</b>  | <b>8,748</b>  | <b>73,953</b>      |

# **EXHIBIT 2**

## **Equipment Retirements**

**2014**

**CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO  
IDAHO BROADBAND RETIREMENTS  
2014 RETIREMENTS BY VINTAGE  
IDAHO CODE SECTION. 63-3029B**

| <b>YEAR</b>                   | <b>VINTAGE</b> | <b>RETIREMENTS</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 2014                          | V2010          | 0                  |
| 2014                          | V2011          | 0                  |
| 2014                          | V2012          | 0                  |
| 2014                          | V2013          | 0                  |
| 2014                          | V2014          | 0                  |
| <b>TOTAL RETIREMENTS 2014</b> |                | <b>0</b>           |

# **EXHIBIT 3**

## **Network Transmission Rates**

**2014**

CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC.  
IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT  
NETWORK TRANSMISSION RATES  
QUESTION # 4

| ID LUs   | 40 mbps | 20mbps | 12mbps | 7mbps | 5mbps | 3mbps | 1.5mbps | 256kbps | Total ID |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|----------|
| EOY 2014 | 0       | 0      | 0      | 3,277 | 683   | 188   | 354     | 258     | 4,760    |

**NOTE:** Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. Where mbps means megabits per second. These are download speeds. Upload speeds vary. These are availability counts, not subscribership counts.

**EXHIBIT 4**

**Idaho  
Broadband  
Subscribers**

**2014**

CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO, INC.  
IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT  
PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL SUBSCRIBERS  
QUESTION #8

| ID LUs          | TOTAL LU'S | TOTAL     | %         |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
|                 |            | QUALIFIED | QUALIFIED |
|                 |            | LU'S      | LU'S      |
| <b>EOY 2014</b> | 5,026      | 4,760     | 95%       |

**NOTE:** Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. A working Living Unit is an address where CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. now sends a bill for some type of service, not necessarily internet access service and not necessarily telephony service. A qualified LU is an address where DSL-based service could be provisioned in a short interval of time.

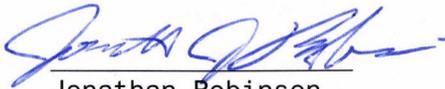
# **EXHIBIT 5**

## **Idaho Broadband Certification**

**2014**

**IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION  
EXHIBIT 5**

I hereby, certify that Representatives of CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. (the applicant) have read the application statutes for the broadband investment income tax credit and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code Section 63-3029I .



Jonathan Robinson  
Vice President Tax