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IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



July 31, 2016

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

CEN-T-16-02

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Enclosed is the application of CenturyTel of Idaho, Inc. for the broadband tax credit for the year 2015. This application is being submitted for Commission determination that the broadband equipment installed for 2015 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:

Johnathan Groan, Director Corporate Income Tax
Phone: 318-330-6390

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 2015. See Exhibit 2 for retirements.

Broadband investment and retirements by year are as follows:

YEAR	INVESTMENT	RETIREMENTS	NET INVESTMENT
2015	\$20,361	\$0	\$20,361

100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203
Tel: 318.388.9000
Fax: 318.388.9093
www.centurylink.com

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 2015.

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 2015.

6. Installation dates:

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the year 2015.

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 2015.

9. Certified statement from applicant:

Please See Exhibit 5.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (318) 330-6390.

Sincerely,



Johnathan Groan
Director Corporate Income Tax

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EXHIBIT 1

Equipment Installed In Idaho

2015

CenturyTel of Idaho

BROADBAND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IDAHO 2015

EXHIBIT 1

EXCHANGE					
INVESTMENT REASON	DESCRIPTION	LEADORE	SALMON	Grand Total	
DSL GROWTH	CONSTANTS		\$149	\$149	
	ENGINEERING		\$1,031	\$1,031	
	NEW FEATURES		\$0	\$0	
HSI BANDWIDTH AUGMENTATION	ENGINEERING		\$4,452	\$4,452	
	NEW FEATURES		\$5	\$5	
NATL MARKET REV - BUSINESS	ENGINEERING		\$0	\$0	
	FIBER OPTIC		\$0	\$0	
NETWORK PLAN - ACCESS	CONSTANTS		\$18,937	\$18,937	
	COPPER		(\$6,882)	(\$6,882)	
	ENGINEERING		\$2,668	\$2,668	
Grand Total			\$19,085	\$1,276	\$20,361

EXHIBIT 2

Equipment Retirements

2015

**CENTURYTEL OF IDAHO
IDAHO BROADBAND RETIREMENTS
2015 RETIREMENTS BY VINTAGE
IDAHO CODE SECTION. 63-3029B**

YEAR	VINTAGE	RETIREMENTS
2015	V2011	0
2015	V2012	0
2015	V2013	0
2015	V2014	0
2015	V2015	0

	TOTAL RETIREMENTS 2015	0
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EXHIBIT 3

Network Transmission Rates

2015

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 2015	0	0	0	3,752	178	125	461	138	4,654

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**

2015

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
EOY 2015	5,056	4,654	92%

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**

2015

**IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION
EXHIBIT 5
2015**

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 J. Robinson
Vice President Tax