

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF CENTURYTEL OF)	
THE GEM STATE, INC. DBA)	CASE NO. CGS-T-13-02
CENTURYLINK'S NOTICE OF ELECTION)	
FOR ITS IDAHO OPERATIONS)	NOTICE OF ELECTION
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on May 15, 2013, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink filed a Notice of Election for its Idaho service areas in Bruneau, Grand View, Grasmere-Riddle and Richfield, notifying the Commission that CenturyLink makes the election authorized by *Idaho Code* § 62-605 to remove its telecommunications services in those areas from price regulation by the Commission. *Idaho Code* § 62-605, first enacted as part of the Idaho Telecommunications Act of 1988, enabled a telephone corporation to elect to remove its retail services, other than basic local exchange service, from regulation under Title 61, Idaho Code. Services removed from Title 61 regulation were subject to limited regulation under Title 62, Idaho Code, which regulation did not include price regulation. The 2005 Session of the Idaho Legislature amended *Idaho Code* § 62-605 to allow a telephone corporation to elect to remove all of its services, including basic local exchange service, from price regulation by the Commission.

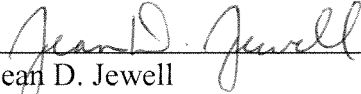
YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CenturyLink previously removed its services in other parts of the State from regulation under Title 61, Idaho Code, pursuant to the Idaho Telecommunications Act of 1988. With this election all of CenturyLink's telecommunications services in Idaho will be removed from Title 61 regulation.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that under the terms of the amended statute, the notice filed by CenturyLink is effective to remove all of its services from price regulation by the Commission as of July 2, 2013. The Commission retains authority under Title 62 to determine non-economic regulatory requirements relating to basic local exchange service, "including, but not limited to, such matters as service quality standards, provision of access to carriers providing message telecommunication service, filing of price lists, customer notice and customer relation rules, and billing practices and procedures." *Idaho Code* § 62-605(5)(b).

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that CenturyLink stated it will provide its price lists for its Idaho services on or before May 31, 2013 to become effective on July 2, 2013.

CenturyLink stated that all services offered by CenturyLink in the CenturyTel of the Gem State tariffs are subject to this Notice of Election. Pursuant to *Idaho Code* § 62-606, changes to CenturyLink's new price lists after July 2, 2013, will become effective "not less than ten (10) days after filing with the Commission, and giving public notice to affected customers."

DATED at Boise, Idaho this 22nd day of May 2013.



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary