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Jean D. Jewell, Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
472 West Washington
Boise, ID 83702-5783

GNR-T-14-01

Re: CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc., dba CenturyLink 2014 Federal ETC Filing and Annual Recertification

Dear Ms. Jewell:

On November 18, 2011 the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released its *USF/ICC Transformation Order* in WC Docket No. 10-90 et al. With that Order, the FCC began a transition to a national framework for certification of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") and set forth a standard set of information that all ETCs must file with the FCC by July 1st of each year. The Order also required ETCs to provide the same information to the respective state commissions.

The annual ETC reporting requirements are contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 of the FCC's rules. For the reporting of the data and certifications required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 54.422, the FCC has developed a reporting template, Form 481, to be used by ETCs.

In addition, ETCs with voice service rates that are below the rate floor as specified by the FCC¹ must file the voice rate information required by 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h) separately by July 1.

Attached is the public version of the Form 481 and of the voice rate information for CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. dba CenturyLink as filed with the FCC. Confidential versions of the Form 481 and voice rate information are provided under seal and with an Attorney's Certificate. The outage information and certain Tribal engagement information that is customer or company proprietary information required by §54.313(a)(2) and (9) in the Form 481 is confidential. In addition, the detailed broadband speed availability information at the exchange level provided in response to 54.313(a)(7) is also confidential. The access line data provided in response to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(h) is likewise confidential. CenturyLink requests this information be treated as confidential pursuant to Rule 67 of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

In addition to the FCC Form 481 and voice rate information, CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. also includes the Affidavit of David D. Cole certifying the compliance of

¹ Only ETCs that receive Federal High Cost Loop or High Cost Model Support are required to report residential basic rates below the rate floor.

CenturyLink with service quality and customer protection requirements, its ability to remain functional in emergencies and proper use of federal high-cost support.

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc., hereby requests that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission by October 1, 2014, certify to the FCC, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314, that the Company is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. 54.314 in order for CenturyLink to continue receiving federal high cost support in Idaho.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary S. Hobson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary S. Hobson
Attorney for CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc.