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April 24, 2019

Ms. Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210
(803) 896-5100

Re: Certification of the Use of Universal Service Funds pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and Telecommunications Act §254(e)

Dear Ms. Boyd:

United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a CenturyLink ('Company') hereby requests that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ('Commission') submit a letter to the Federal Communications Commission ('FCC') and the Universal Service Administration Company ('USAC'), verifying that the Company is in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act. Attached for filing with the FCC and USAC is an affidavit attesting to the fact that any Federal Universal Service Funds the Company has received in the previous calendar year or will receive in the coming calendar year are used as intended in compliance with section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act.

The FCC requires that state regulatory authorities file a letter with the FCC and USAC certifying that carriers are in compliance with section 254(e) of the Act by October 1 of each year. If certification is not accomplished by October 1, 2019, federal support for universal service in the areas served by CenturyLink within South Carolina will be reduced or withheld for 2020.

CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission accept this letter and the attached affidavit as self-certification that CenturyLink is in compliance with section 254(e), and that the Commission issue a letter to the FCC and USAC prior to October 1, 2019, notifying them that CenturyLink is eligible to receive federal universal service support in accordance with Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act and 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions at (318) 362-1246, or Derek Kelly at (919) 554-7720.

Sincerely,

Amy Young
Regulatory Financial Analyst
CenturyLink

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Affidavit

State of Louisiana

Parish of Ouachita

Company: United Telephone Company of the Carolinas d/b/a CenturyLink
Study Area Number: 240506

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said:

1. My name is Jerry M. Allen, Vice President Customer Financial Services for CenturyLink, Inc. and an Officer of United Telephone of the Carolinas d/b/a CenturyLink ('Company'). As such, I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Public Service Commission of South Carolina's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. The Company hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support provided within South Carolina was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Jerry M Allen

Jerry M. Allen
Vice President Customer Financial Services

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 24th day of April, 2019.

Amy G Allred

Notary Public

Amy G. Allred

Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: upon death

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