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**VIA ECFS**

***EX PARTE***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: *Applications Filed by Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink for Consent to Transfer of Control, WC Docket No. 10-110***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, I had a telephone conversation with Angie Kronenberg, legal advisor to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn, in which I argued that the FCC should condition its approval of the above-referenced proposed merger on a requirement that the merged firm extend the duration of interconnection agreements in both the legacy CenturyLink and the legacy Qwest incumbent LEC territories by at least three years.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 303-1111 if you have any questions or concerns about this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

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