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**CENTURYLINK'S
NOTICE OF FILING
REPLY TESTIMONY OF
ANN PROCKISH**

CenturyLink hereby notices and submits the reply testimony of Ann Prockish on this 11th day of October, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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5 **Q. Please state your name, title, and business address.**

6 A. My name is Ann Prockish. I am employed by CenturyLink as Director – State
7 Regulatory Operations. My business address is 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe,
8 Louisiana 71203.

9 **Q. Are you the same Ann Prockish that filed direct testimony in this**
10 **proceeding?**

11 A. Yes, I am.

12 **Q. What is the purpose of your reply testimony?**

13 A. My reply testimony will respond to the direct testimony of Mr. Keith Hayes who
14 testified on behalf of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”). I will address
15 Mr. Hayes’ challenge of two of CenturyLink’s applications for Nebraska
16 Broadband Pilot (“NEBP”) support for 2013.

17 **Q. Which of CenturyLink’s applications did Charter challenge?**

18 A. Charter challenged CenturyLink’s applications for Lexington and Gering.

19 **Q. What was the basis for Charter’s challenge to these applications?**

20 A. Charter claims it already provides service in CenturyLink’s proposed areas at
21 speeds up to 100 Mbps download and therefore these areas are not unserved or
22 underserved under the Commission’s definition and ineligible for NEBP support.

1 **Q. Addressing the Lexington application first, do you agree with Charter's**
2 **assertion that the proposed service area is served?**

3 A. After further research, CenturyLink agrees with Charter that the area CenturyLink
4 proposed in this application is, in fact, served. CenturyLink respectfully requests
5 the Commission no longer consider this application for 2013 NEBP support.
6 CenturyLink appreciates the Commission's support of this application and
7 apologizes for the inconvenience caused by this late request.

8 **Q. Turning your attention to the Gering application, do you agree with**
9 **Charter's assertion that broadband service is already available in**
10 **CenturyLink's proposed service?**

11 A. No. In his direct testimony, Mr. Hayes provided a list of census blocks in Gering
12 where Charter provides broadband service at speeds up to 100 Mbps. I compared
13 that list of census blocks to the census blocks that were included in CenturyLink's
14 Gering application. While there was significant overlap between the area where
15 CenturyLink proposes to provide service under this application and Charter's
16 existing service area, I also found that there were 161 census blocks where
17 CenturyLink proposes to provide service that are not currently served by Charter.

18 **Q. What is your recommendation regarding the Gering application?**

19 A. CenturyLink has not been able to make an accurate determination of the number
20 of households that are in the 161 census blocks not served by Charter that may
21 potentially see new or improved service as a result of CenturyLink's application.
22 Therefore, CenturyLink respectfully requests the Commission no longer consider
23 this application for 2013 NEBP support. As with the Lexington application,

1 CenturyLink appreciates the Commission's support for the Gering application and
2 apologizes for the inconvenience caused by this late request. CenturyLink will
3 continue to research the broadband availability in and around the Gering area and
4 may submit another application for NEBP support in this area in the future.

5 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

6 **A. Yes.**

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 11th day of October, 2013, a true and correct copy of the Reply Testimony of Ann Prockish on behalf of Qwest Corporation was provided to the following interested persons by electronic mail as follows:

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