

January 21, 2016

### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer Office of the Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: CenturyLink's Lifeline Recertification Filing Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.416(b) Undocketed Matter

CenturyLink – Embarq Florida, Inc. (FKA Embarq)

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's *Report and Order*<sup>1</sup> requiring eligible telecommunications carriers to re-certify the eligibility of their Lifeline subscribers and to report the results to the Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Administrative Company and to state commission and Tribal governments, CenturyLink hereby submits its 2015 Lifeline re-certification results for the state of Florida.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Sandy Khazraee at (850) 847-0173.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sandra A. Khazraee Sandra A. Khazraee Director - State Regulatory Affairs

Enclosure

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<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, Lifeline and Link Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Advancing Broadband Availability Through Digital Literacy Training, Report and Order and Further Notice of Rulemaking, 27 FCC Rcd 6656, 6715-16 ¶132 (2012); 47 C.F.R. § 54.416. Also see Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 12947 (2013).

### **Annual Lifeline Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Certification Form**

All carriers must complete all or portions of all sections Form must be submitted to USAC and filed with the Federal Communications Commission

## IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

210341	
Study Area Code (SAC) (An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) must provi	de a certification form for <b>each SAC</b> through which it provides Lifeline service).
FL	CenturyLink-Embarq Florida Inc. (FKA Embarq)
State	ETC Name
CenturyLink	CenturyLink
DBA, Marketing or Other Branding Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)	Holding Company Name (If same as ETC name, list "N/A" Do not leave blank)
Does the reporting company have affiliated ETG	Cs? Yes O No O
determined in accordance with Section 3(2) of the Communica	g ETC, using page 4 and additional sheets if necessary. Affiliation shall be ations Act. That Section defines "affiliate" as "a person that (directly or indirectly non ownership or control with, another person." 47 U.S.C. § 153(2). See also 47
Affiliated ETC's SAC	Affiliated ETC's Name
See attached worksheet	

For purposes of this filing, an officer is an occupant of a position listed in the article of incorporation, articles of formation, or other similar legal document. An officer is a person who occupies a position specified in the corporate bylaws (or partnership agreement), and would typically be president, vice president for operations, vice president for finance, comptroller, treasurer, or a comparable position. If the filer is a sole proprietorship, the owner must sign the certification.

#### **Section 1: Initial Certification** All ETCs must complete this section

I certify that the company listed above has certification procedures in place to:

- A) Review income and program-based eligibility documentation prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company was presented with documentation of each consumer's household income and/or program-based eligibility prior to his or her enrollment in Lifeline; and/or
- B) Confirm consumer eligibility by relying upon access to a state database and/or notice of eligibility from the state Lifeline administrator prior to enrolling a consumer in the Lifeline program.

I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code listed above.

Initial	JMA

#### **Section 2:** Annual Recertification

Do not leave empty blocks. If an ETC has nothing to report in a block, enter a zero.

A	В	C	D	$\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{A} - \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{C} - \mathbf{D})$
Number of subscribers claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year (February data month)	Number of lines claimed on February FCC Form 497 of current Form 555 calendar year provided to wireline resellers	Number of subscribers claimed on the February FCC Form 497 that were initially enrolled in the current Form 555 calendar year  (These subscribers did not have Lifeline service prior to January 1 of the current 555 calendar year.)	Number of subscribers de-enrolled <u>prior</u> to recertification attempt by either the ETC, a state administrator, access to an eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers ETC is responsible for recertifying for current Form 555 calendar year
16700	75	843	1228	14554

#### **Recertification Results:**

F	G	$\mathbf{H} = (\mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{G})$	I	$\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{H} + \mathbf{I})$
Number of subscribers ETC contacted directly to recertify eligibility through attestation	Number of subscribers responding to ETC contact	Number of non- responding subscribers	Number of subscribers responding that they are no longer eligible  (This should be a subset of Block G.)	Number of subscribers de- enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of non-response or response of ineligibility from ETC recertification attempt
7236	3661	3575	0	3575

K	L
Number of subscribers whose eligibility was reviewed by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or by USAC	Number of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of finding of ineligibility by state administrator, ETC access to eligibility database, or USAC
7318	0

**Note:** If any subscriber was reviewed by an ETC accessing a state database or by a state administrator and subsequently contacted directly by the ETC in an attempt to recertify eligibility, those subscribers should be listed in Blocks F through J as appropriate and not in Blocks K and L. As a result, all subscribers subject to recertification who were not de-enrolled prior to the recertification attempt must be accounted for in Block F or Block K.

The total of Block F and Block K should equal the number reported in Block E.

#### **Certification:**

Based on the data entered above, initial the certification(s) below that apply. Both Certification A and B may apply depending on the recertification procedures in place for the SAC reporting on this form. If Certification C applies, neither Certification A nor B may apply.

**A.)** I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify the continued eligibility of all of its Lifeline subscribers, and that, to the best of my knowledge, the company obtained signed certifications from all subscribers attesting to their continuing eligibility for Lifeline. Results are provided in the chart above in Blocks F through J. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

Initial JMA

#### AND/OR

<b>B.</b> )	I certify that the company listed above has procedures in place to recertify consumer eligibility by relying on:		
	FL DCF	Results are provided in the chart above in	
	Blocks K through L. I am an officer of the company named above.	I am authorized to make this certification for the	
	SAC listed above.		
	Initial JMA		

OR

**C.)** I certify that my company did not claim federal low income support for any Lifeline subscribers for the February Form 497 data month for the current Form 555 calendar year. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the SAC listed above.

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#### **Section 3:** De-enroll Percentage

Using the data entered in Section 2, complete the chart below to find the percentage of subscribers de-enrolled for this ETC.

$\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{F} + \mathbf{K})$	N = (J+L)	$O = ((N \div M) * 100)$
Number of subscribers that the ETC attempted to recertify directly or through a state administrator, ETC access to a state database, or by USAC (This should equal the number reported in Block E)	Number of subscribers de- enrolled or scheduled to be de- enrolled as a result of non-response or ineligibility	Percentage of subscribers de-enrolled or scheduled to be de-enrolled as a result of ineligibility or non-response
14554	3575	24.56%

#### **Section 4:** Pre-Paid ETCs

All ETCs must complete the appropriate check-box; pre-paid ETCs must complete all of Section 4. Pre-paid ETCs generally do not assess or collect a monthly fee from their Lifeline subscribers. ETCs that only assess a fee but do not collect such fees are pre-paid ETCs and must complete the chart below.

Is the ETC Pre-Paid?

Yes O

No 👩

If Yes, record the number of subscribers de-enrolled for non-usage by month in Block Q below.

P	Q
Month	Subscribers De-Enrolled for Non-Usage
January	0
February	0
March	0
April	0
May	0
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	0
December	0
Total Subscribers	0

### Signature Block

By signing below, I certify that the company listed above is in compliance with all federal Lifeline certification procedures. I am an officer of the company named above. I am authorized to make this certification for the Study Area Code (SAC) listed above.

Signed,

Certified Online
Signature of Officer

Jerry.allen@centurylink.com

Email Address of Officer

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Person Completing This Certification Form

Jerry M Allen, Vice President of Revenues

Printed Name and Title of Officer

01/14/2016

Date

318-388-9174

Contact Phone Number

# **Affiliated ETCs**

SAC	Name	
160138	CenturyLink United Telphone Co. of New Jersey (FKA Em	
170209	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania FKA F	
190254	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Virginia (FKA Emb	
190567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Emba	
210341	CenturyLink-Embarg Florida Inc. (FKA Embarg)	
220356	CenturyLink Coastal Utilities Inc.	
230470	CenturvLink Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co FKA E	
230471	CenturyLink Central Telephone CoNorth Carolina(FKA E	
230485	CenturvLink MebTel Inc.	
240506	CenturyLink United Telephone of the Carolinas-SC (FKA I	
250298	CenturyLink Gulf Telephone Company	
259788	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Alabama (Northern and Southern	
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270423	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Louisiana LLC	
270424	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Southeast Louisiana LLC	
270427	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Chatham LLC	
270431	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Northwest Louisiana Inc.	
270434	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Evangeline LLC	
270436	CenturvLink CenturvTel of North Louisana LLC	
270439	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Ringgold LLC	
270440	CenturvLink CenturvTel of East Louisiana LLC	
270442	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Southwest Louisiana LLC	
280458	CenturvLink CenturvTel of North Mississippi Inc.	
290552	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Adamsville Inc.	
290557	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Claiborne Inc.	
290567	CenturyLink United Telephone-Southeast Inc. (FKA Emba	
290574	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Ooltewah-Collegdale Inc.	
300630	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Ohio Inc.	
300661	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of Ohio FKA Embarg	
310671	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Midwest-Michigan Inc.	
310689	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Upper Michigan Inc.	
310702	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Michigan Inc.	
310705	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Northern Michigan Inc.	
320747	CenturvTel of Central Indiana Inc.	
320801	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Odon Inc.	
320832	CenturvLink United Telephone Co. of Indiana (FKA Embai	
330841	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (North)	
330857	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (North)	
330877	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Fairwater-Brandon-Alto LLC	
330884	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Forestville LLC	
330895	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Wisconsin LLC	
330898	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Laresen-Readfield LLC	
330913	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Monroe County LLC	
330922	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (North	
330924	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Midwest-Kendall LLC	
330931	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Southern Wisconsin LLC	
330934	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (North	
330950	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Northwest Wisconsin LLC	
330956	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Northern Wisconsin LLC	
330959	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (Northy	

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SAC	Name
330970	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Midwest-Wisconsin (North
331155	CenturyLink Telephone USA of Wisconsin LLC
331159	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Central Wisconsin LLC
341057	CenturyLink Gallatin River Communications LLC
351126	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Chester Inc.
351274	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Postville Inc.
355141	CenturvLink Owest Corporation
361445	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Minnesota Inc.
361456	CenturyLink - Embarg Minnesota Inc (FKA Embarg)
365142	CenturvLink Owest Corporation
371595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Emb
375143	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
385144	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
395145	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
401142	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Russellville
401143	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Russellville
401144	CenturyTel of Mammoth Spring Jacksonville
401705	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Arkansas Inc.
401711	CenturyTel of Mountain Home Inc.
401720	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Redfield Inc.
401727	CenturyLink CenturyTel of South Arkansas Inc.
411317	CenturvLink United Telephone Co-Eastern Kansas (FKA E
411842	CenturvLink United Telephone Co Kansas (FKA Embara
411957	CenturyLink-Embarg Missouri Inc (FKA Embarg)
421151	Spectra Communications Group LLC d/b/a CenturyLink
421957	CenturyLink-Embarg Missouri Inc (FKA Embarg)
429784	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Missouri LLC
429785	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Missouri LLC
429786	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Missouri LLC
429787	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Missouri LLC
442084	CenturvLink United Telephone Co of Texas Inc. FKA Emb
442101	Century Link CenturyTel of Lake Dallas Inc.
442114	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Texas FKA Embara
442117	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Port Aransas Inc.
442140	CenturyLink CenturyTel of San Marcos Inc.
455101	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
462185	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Eagle Inc.
462187	CenturyLink The El Paso County Telephone Company
462208	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Colorado Inc.
465102	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
472223	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)
472225	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Idaho Inc.
475103	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
475162	CenturvLink Owest Corporation
482249	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Montana Inc.
485104	CenturvLink Owest Corporation
492274	CenturvLink CenturvTel of the Southwest (New Mexico)
495105	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
505107	CenturvLink Owest Corporation
511595	CenturyLink United Telephone Co. of the West (FKA Emb

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512299	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Wvoming Inc.
515108	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
522400	CenturyLink United Telephone Co of the Northwest(FKA I
522408	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Washington Inc.
522410	CenturyLink CenturyTel of Cowiche Inc.
525161	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
532361	CenturvLink CenturvTel of Oregon Inc CenturvTel of Eas
532400	CenturyLink United Telephone Co of the Northwest(FKA I
535163	CenturyLink Owest Corporation
552223	CenturyLink CenturyTel of the Gem State (Nevada)
552348	CenturyLink Central Telephone Co. of Nevada (FKA)
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