

June 27, 2023

Mr. Adam Teitzman
Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(800) 342-3552

Re: Docket No. 20230076-TP 2024 State certification under 47 C.F.R. §54.313 and §54.314, annual reporting requirements for high-cost recipients, and certification of support for eligible telecommunications carriers CenturyLink of Florida, Inc. and CenturyLink Communications, LLC ("Companies") - Universal Service Certification

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

This letter is to request that the Florida Public Service Commission notify the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that CenturyLink of Florida, Inc. and CenturyLink Communications, LLC ("Companies") are eligible to receive federal high-cost (Connect America Fund) support in accordance with the above-referenced statute and federal rule.

Please find enclosed, an affidavit attesting that the Companies only used support received in Florida during the preceding calendar year and will only use support received in Florida in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

The Company respectfully requests that the Commission notify the FCC and USAC prior to October 1 of this year, that CenturyLink of Florida, Inc. and CenturyLink Communications, LLC are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for 2024.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christie Pontis Mason

Christie Pontis Mason
Director – State and Local Government Affairs

Attachment

## **AFFIDAVIT**

## STATE OF LOUISIANA

## PARISH OF OUACHITA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Kenneth W. Buchan, who deposed and said:

My name is Kenneth W. Buchan. I am employed as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, a subsidiary of Lumen Technologies, Inc. ("Parent"). Under Parent's policies and a delegation of signing authority by an officer of CenturyLink of Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyLink Communications, LLC as ("Companies"), I am authorized to execute this affidavit on behalf of the Companies. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

The Companies certify that it only used support received in Florida during the preceding calendar year and will only use support received in Florida in the coming calendar year for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Kenneth W. Buchan

Senior Manager Regulatory Finance Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF OUACHITA

Acknowledged before me this day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by Kenneth W. Buchan as Senior Manager Regulatory Finance for Lumen Technologies Service Group, LLC, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary

Personally Known Yes

Type of Identification Produced

Drivers License