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October 24, 2014

Dr. Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application for Approval of an Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota between Federated Telephone Cooperative and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed for filing is the Interconnection Agreement for the State of Minnesota between Federated Telephone Cooperative ("Federated") and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink ("CenturyLink").

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jason D. Topp

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Enclosures

cc: Service List

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Beverly Jones Heydinger	Chair
David Boyd	Commissioner
Nancy Lange	Commissioner
Dan Lipschultz	Commissioner
Betsy Wergin	Commissioner

In the Matter of the Joint Application by Federated Telephone Cooperative and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink for Approval of Agreement to Adopt Arbitrated Interconnection, Resale and Unbundled Elements Agreement Under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 252(i)

Docket No. _____

**JOINT APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL
OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT UNDER § 252(i)**

Federated Telephone Cooperative (“Federated”) and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) hereby submit to the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) this Application for approval of the enclosed Negotiated Interconnection Agreement (“Agreement”) executed October 20, 2014, between Federated and CenturyLink. In support of this Application, the parties state as follows:

I.

Federated is incorporated in the State of Minnesota and received certification with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission on May 10, 1999.

II.

CenturyLink is a Minnesota corporation and an incumbent local exchange carrier in Minnesota.

III.

On October 20, 2014, Federated and CenturyLink entered into an Agreement pursuant to §252(i) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to adopt the interconnection agreement between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink and US Link dba TDS Metrocom. The Agreement is premised upon CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink's agreement with US Link dba TDS Metrocom approved by the Commission on April 8, 2014 in Docket No. P-465, 551/IC-14-194. This Agreement is submitted for approval pursuant to §252(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Act"). A copy of the Agreement is attached.

IV.

In accordance with §252(e) of the Act, the parties submit that this Agreement provides no basis for a finding of discrimination or contravention of the public interest.

First, the Agreement does not discriminate against any other telecommunications carrier. Further, CenturyLink is offering the same terms contained in the Agreement to all other interested carriers.

Second, the Agreement is consistent with the public interest as identified in the pro-competitive policies of the Commission, the State of Minnesota, the FCC, and the United States Congress. The Agreement will permit resale of CenturyLink's services consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations of this Commission. Expedient approval of the Agreement will facilitate immediate competition in CenturyLink's local exchange services in Minnesota.

V.

In the interests of bringing the benefits of this agreement to the telecommunications customers of Minnesota as soon as possible, CenturyLink and Federated request the Commission issue its order approving the Agreement at the earliest possible date.

VI.

All communications regarding this Application should be addressed to the following representatives:

CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink:

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CenturyLink
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Minneapolis, MN 55402
(651) 312-5364

Director – Wholesale Contracts
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Denver, CO 80202
(303) 672-2879

Associate General Counsel, Interconnection
CenturyLink Law Department
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Federated Telephone Cooperative:

Kevin Beyer
Federated Telephone Cooperative
405 Second Street East
Chokio, MN 56221
(320) 324-7111

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Executive Secretary
121 Seventh Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101-2147

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Federated and CenturyLink respectfully request that the Commission expeditiously process this matter and issue an order granting the Joint Application in its entirety.

Dated: October 24, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

By /s/ Jason D. Topp
Jason D. Topp
CenturyLink
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(651) 312-5364

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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application by Federated Telephone Cooperative and CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink for Approval of Agreement for Interconnection, Resale and Unbundled Elements Under the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 252(i)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

Dianne Barthel, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the 24th day of October, 2014, at the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, she served the annexed filing on the parties on the attached service list as follows:

_____ by depositing in the United States Mail at the City of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid.

 X Electronically.

/s/ Dianne Barthel
Dianne Barthel

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 24th day of October, 2014.

/s/ LeAnn M. Cammarata
Notary Public

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Linda	Chavez	linda.chavez@state.mn.us	Department of Commerce	85 7th Place E Ste 500 Saint Paul, MN 55101-2198	Electronic Service	No	GEN_SL_CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. dba CenturyLink_CenturyLink-Federated ICA
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**Adoption of the
Interconnection Agreement**

By

Federated Telephone Cooperative

**Adopting the
Interconnection Agreement**

Between

**CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink
and**

US Link Inc. d/b/a TDS Metrocom

For the State of Minnesota

Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement

This Adoption of the Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"), and Federated Telephone Cooperative ("CLEC"), a Minnesota corporation, each of which may be referred to herein as "Party", or collectively as "the Parties", to establish the terms, conditions and rates for local interconnection and the exchange of Local traffic, for the State of Minnesota.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. ADOPTED AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This Agreement between the Parties shall consist of the Interconnection Agreement entered into by and between CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and US Link Inc. d/b/a TDS Metrocom, that was approved by the Commission in April, 2014 ("Adopted Agreement").
- 1.2 This Agreement is made a part of and incorporates the terms and conditions of the Adopted Agreement, including all amendments to that Adopted Agreement (the "Terms").
- 1.3 Except as set forth herein, the Adopted Agreement remains unchanged and in full force and effect. In the event of a conflict between the Terms of the Adopted Agreement and this Agreement, this Agreement will control.

2. PARTY

For the purposes of this Agreement, Federated Telephone Cooperative ("CLEC") is hereby substituted in the Adopted Agreement in place of US Link Inc. d/b/a TDS Metrocom ("CLEC").

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 The Terms of the US Link Inc. d/b/a TDS Metrocom Agreement are being adopted in its entirety by CLEC pursuant to CLEC's statutory rights under Section 252(i). The filing and performance by CenturyLink of the Terms does not in any way constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any position as to the Terms or a portion thereof, nor does it constitute a waiver by CenturyLink of any or all rights and remedies it may have to seek review of the Terms, or to seek review in any way of any provisions included in these Terms as a result of CLEC's 252(i) election.
- 3.2 Should CLEC attempt to apply the adopted Terms in a manner that conflicts with the provisions set forth herein, CenturyLink reserves its rights to seek appropriate legal and/or equitable relief.

4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

- 4.1 This Agreement, if an initial Agreement shall become effective on the date of Commission Approval ("Effective Date"); however the Parties may agree to implement the provisions of this Agreement upon execution by both Parties. However, the initiation of a new account, any new provision of service or obligation or any revision to currently existing services or obligations may take up to 60 days to accommodate any required initial processes.
- 4.2 In the event that the Parties currently have an existing Interconnection Agreement, this Agreement shall replace the existing Interconnection Agreement in its entirety beginning on the Effective Date. However, nothing relieves the Parties from fulfilling all obligations incurred under that prior Interconnection Agreement.
- 4.3 The expiration date of this Agreement shall be the expiration date of the Adopted Agreement, which is March 24, 2017.

5. NOTICES

Except as otherwise provided, all notices and communication hereunder will be deemed to have been duly given when made in writing and delivered in person or deposited in the U.S. mail, certified, postage paid, return receipt requested, and addressed as follows:

To CenturyLink:
CenturyLink
Director Wholesale Contracts
930 15th Street, 6th Floor
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-672-2879
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With Copy to:
CenturyLink Legal Department
Wholesale Interconnection
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Phone: 303-383-6553
Email: legal.interconnection@centurylink.com

To CLEC:
Kevin Beyer
General Manager
Federated Telephone Cooperative
405 2nd Street East
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6. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1 CLEC represents and warrants that it is authorized to provide telecommunications services in the State of Minnesota.
- 6.2 The Parties will cooperate to file this Agreement with the Commission for approval and complete all attendant requirements of the Commission for such approval.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CLEC and CenturyLink have caused this Agreement to be executed by their respective duly authorized representatives.

Federated Telephone Cooperative

DocuSigned by:
Kevin Beyer
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Signature

Kevin Beyer
Printed Name

General Manager
Title

10/16/2014

Date

CenturyTel of Minnesota, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

DocuSigned by:
L. T. Christensen
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Signature

L. T. Christensen
Printed Name

Director – Wholesale Contracts
Title

10/20/2014

Date