NEBRASKA BROADBAND PILOT PROGRAM
NUSF-92
APPLICATION OF CENTURYLINK, INC.
Project: Bennington

1. **A listing of all companies associated with the proposed broadband project.**

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC will provide the broadband and voice components in this project. CenturyLink QC is an incumbent local exchange carrier in Nebraska. The point of contact is:

Cathy Clucas
CenturyLink
200 South 5th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 651.312.5311
Email: cathy.clucas@centurylink.com

2. **A description of the proposed broadband project plan.**

This project would provide broadband service at 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload to approximately 259 living units in the Bennington Exchange.

3. **A description of which areas are "unserved" or "underserved."**

Based on the end-of-year 2013 data from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the proposed project area encompasses some areas that are currently unserved and some areas that are currently served by broadband service at varying speeds. Please see the Application Template for the census blocks that will be impacted by this project.

4. **A list in Excel Format of all the census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed for the proposed project.**

Please see the Application Template.

5. **An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers.**

This project will provide broadband service to approximately 259 living units, of which CenturyLink believes that approximately 46 living units currently have access to broadband at speeds less than 3 Mbps download. CenturyLink believes the remaining living units currently have access to broadband at speeds greater than 3 Mbps download.

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6. **A schedule for broadband deployment.**

CenturyLink QC intends to complete the buildout and deployment of broadband within 24 months of receiving NUSF-92 funding approval. Within 6 months of approval of the application, CenturyLink will complete the planning and engineering for this project. Within 6 months of the completion of the planning and engineering, CenturyLink will complete the placement of the cable needed for this project. Within 6 months of the cable placement, the equipment will be placed. Finally, within 6 months of the equipment placement, CenturyLink will test the newly placed facilities and turn up service.

7. **A proposed budget.**

Please see Attachment A for the proposed budget. This attachment is confidential.

8. **Proposed retail pricing.**

Please see the Application Template.

9. **Retail rates charged for basic voice service.**

Please see the Application Template.

10. **The applicant's commitment to offer broadband services within the project service area for a minimum of five years.**

CenturyLink QC commits that it will offer broadband service to the customers in the proposed project area for a minimum of 5 years.

11. **The applicant's commitment to provide broadband data to the Commission.**

CenturyLink QC commits that it will provide broadband data to the Commission and its vendors for the duration of the State Broadband Data and Development program for the proposed project area.

12. **The applicant's financial qualifications.**

CenturyLink QC files an Annual Report Form M with the Nebraska Commission. This report details CenturyLink QC's financial qualifications.

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13. If no certificate of public convenience and necessity, a demonstration of the applicant's financial, technical, and managerial competence.

Not applicable.

14. The applicant's financial match.

Please see the Application Template.

15. Affidavit attesting to the truth and accuracy of all information included in the application.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Cathy Clucas, being duly sworn on oath, state that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Cathy Clucas

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25th day of November, 2014.

Notary Public

DIANNE M. BARTHEL
Notary Public-Minnesota
My Commission Expires Jan 31, 2020

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ATTACHMENT A

HAS BEEN REDACTED