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VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Kristi Izzo, Secretary
New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
44 South Clinton Street, 9th Floor
Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Re: The United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a
CenturyLink - Petition for Relocation of CenturyLink's
Flemington Office – Docket No. **T013100985**

Dear Secretary Izzo:

The United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) hereby requests that the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) approve this letter application and grant any waivers as necessary regarding N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1 concerning the relocation of CenturyLink’s office at 100 Reaville Avenue, Flemington, New Jersey, 08822, to Clinton, New Jersey. The relocation is proposed to be completed 60 days after the filing of this pleading or by January 1, 2014 at the latest. The Flemington office is proposed to relocate to the following address:

CenturyLink
160 Center Street
Clinton, NJ, 08809

In accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1, the relocation of CenturyLink’s New Jersey office is reasonable and is in the public interest. First, the lease associated with CenturyLink’s Flemington office expires on December 31, 2013. Relocation of

the Flemington office to Clinton will enable CenturyLink to utilize existing property and

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facilities. In addition, the parking facilities in Clinton are more convenient and more accessible for customers than the parking facilities at the Flemington office. Relocation of the Flemington office at this time therefore is reasonable and appropriate for both customers and the company.

Second, as of September 30, 2013, CenturyLink served approximately 97,719 total access lines in portions of Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren counties. Flemington and Clinton are only 11.25 miles apart. Therefore, relocation of CenturyLink's Flemington office to Clinton New Jersey is reasonable, economical, and efficient given CenturyLink's limited, contiguous service territory in New Jersey.

Third, the Clinton office hours will be 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The same functions (including payment of bills and invoices, inquiries regarding bills, and making purchases, etc.) as provided in Flemington, New Jersey will continue to be provided in CenturyLink's Clinton, New Jersey office. Furthermore, CenturyLink's Newton, New Jersey location for bill payment will be unaffected by the relocation of Flemington office.¹ Thus, CenturyLink's retail customers largely will be unaffected by the relocation.

Accordingly, the proposed relocation of CenturyLink's Flemington office to Clinton, New Jersey is reasonable and is in the public interest. Customers will continue to be able to pay invoices, to have face-to-face contact with company representatives, and will have access to quality telecommunications equipment and services.

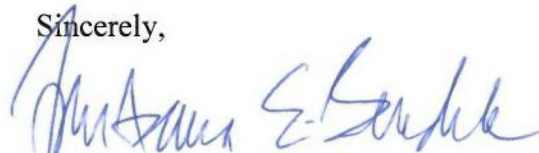
CenturyLink will comply – or will continue to comply – with all notice requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1(e)(2) and (f). CenturyLink will be posting notice of this proposed

¹ Customers also have other options available for communicating with CenturyLink and paying their bills, including CenturyLink-provided toll-free number and CenturyLink's website.

relocation in the *New Jersey Star Ledger*, the *Express Times* and the *New Jersey Herald* in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1(e)(2). While Staff is currently reviewing a draft of the proposed newspaper notice, a draft of this notice is attached hereto. In addition, notice has been posted at the door of the Flemington office informing customers of the proposed relocation and of the filing of this application. Finally, affected municipalities are being simultaneously notified of this pending application. N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1(e). Finally, CenturyLink has discussed the proposed relocation with Board Staff. In completing all notices, CenturyLink will have satisfied all applicable requirements of the Board's regulations regarding this relocation matter.²

WHEREFORE, CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Board approve the proposed relocation of CenturyLink's Flemington, New Jersey office to Clinton, New Jersey as addressed herein and grant any other approvals or waivers of N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1 as may be necessary to enable CenturyLink to complete relocation within 60 days or by January 1, 2014 at the latest. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Bailey (717-245-7747) or me.

Sincerely,



Zsuzsanna E. Benedek

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cc: Anthony Centrella, Director
Eric Hartsfield, Director
Charlie Kaczka
Chris White, Rate Counsel

² CenturyLink's Flemington office is not a customer call center and therefore N.J.A.C. 14:3-5.1(g) is inapplicable.

DRAFT NEWSPAPER NOTICE

CenturyLink Office Relocation

The United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) has filed with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“BPU”) an application proposing to relocate CenturyLink’s office in Flemington, New Jersey, to Clinton, New Jersey, effective on or before January 1, 2014.

New Office Location:	Old Office Location:
CenturyLink 160 Center Street Clinton, NJ 08809	CenturyLink 100 Reaville Ave Flemington, NJ 08822

The Clinton office hours will be 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. The same functions (including payment of bills and invoices, inquiries regarding bills, and making purchases, etc.) as provided in Flemington, New Jersey, will continue to be provided at CenturyLink’s Clinton office.

Customers may provide written comments or objections regarding this proposed relocation by submitting comments or objections to the following address:

**New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Attention: Kristi Izzo, Secretary
44 South Clinton Avenue
P. O. Box 350
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0350**

Written submissions must be received by the Board on or before November 25, 2013.

The general public and customers may contact the BPU toll-free regarding this filing at 1-800-624-0241. CenturyLink also can be contacted regarding this filing as follows: 1-800-201-4099 (residential customers) or 1-800-786-6272 (business customers).

AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA :
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COUNTY OF DAUPHIN : ss.

I, Thomas A. Bailey being duly sworn according to law, deposes that I am Director, Regulatory and Legislative Affairs for the United Telephone Company of New Jersey, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink that I am authorized to and do make this affidavit for it, and that the facts set forth in the attached Application for proposed relocation of facilities are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.


Thomas A. Bailey

Sworn and subscribed before me
this 25th day of October 2013


Notary

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
NOTARIAL SEAL
Jana Rebekah Hurst, Notary Public
City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County
My commission expires April 25, 2017