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RE: Docket No. 110224-TP Correction and Clarification of CenturyLink's Post-workshop Comments

Dear Ms. Cole:

CenturyLink has become aware that in its post-workshop comments filed on August 29, CenturyLink misunderstood, and therefore inadvertently misrepresented, staff's proposed changes to the regulatory assessment fee (RAF) rule as they relate to minimum RAFs. Although the rule changes appear to decrease the minimum RAF for all local service providers from \$1,000 to \$600, CenturyLink now understands that the \$1,000 minimum RAF in the current rule applies only to incumbent local exchange companies, while competitive local exchange companies currently are subject to a minimum RAF of \$600. Therefore, the 40% decrease in the minimum RAF would apply only to those ILECs (if any) who are subject to the minimum fee while CLECs will continue to be subject to the lower \$600 minimum fee that staff now proposes to apply to all "local service providers."

In its suggested changes to the rule, staff appropriately reflects the intent of the 2011 legislation to eliminate the regulatory distinctions among "local service providers" by collapsing the various categories of local providers reflected in the current rule into one. CenturyLink misunderstood the effect of these changes on the various companies who pay the minimum fee today. Nevertheless, CenturyLink stands by its position that the proposed structure of the RAF, where CLECs likely will comprise the majority of companies subject to the minimum fee of \$600 while ILECs will continue to pay revenue-based fees that are many multiples higher than the minimum, no longer reflects the new regulatory reality brought about by the 2011 legislation where the Commission's primary focus will be on wholesale relationships.

Sincerely,

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