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Oregon Public Utility Commission
Attn: Filing Center
550 Capitol Street NE, Ste 215
Salem, OR 97301-2551

RE: UM-1484 CenturyLink/Qwest Merger

Dear Commission:

CenturyLink, Inc. and Qwest Corporation International, Inc. ("Merging Companies") file this letter to help clarify the nature of the Joint CLECs' supplemental authority materials, filed on February 22, 2011. In the filing, the Joint CLECs offer two documents as "supplemental authority". One is a procedural notice served by the Executive Secretary of the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission ("MPUC"). The second is a partial transcript of the deliberation hearing that resulted only in the MPUC's issuance of the procedural notice. Neither document constitutes a decision on substantive matters related to the merger transaction. Consequently, they are not materials that the Commission would traditionally consider supplemental authority. As they are only procedural in nature, the Merging Companies see no need to comment further on them.

DATED: February 24, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on February 24, 2011, a true and correct copy of CenturyLink's Letter to Clarify Joint CLECs Supplemental Authority was served on the following parties via electronic mail and US Mail where applicable:

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