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March 21, 2014

Mr. Dennis Klaila, Policy Analyst
Division of Business & Communications Services
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 N. Whitney Way
PO Box 7854
Madison, WI 53707-7854

Dear: Mr. Klaila,

Re: Broadband Expansion Grant Program (Docket 5-GF-237)

CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink submits a Request for Application for the Broadband Expansion Grant for 2014. The application is public-private partnerships between CenturyLink and Vilas County Economic Development Corporation and the Town of Manitowish Waters. The partnership is described in the application. The application seeks funding for the Trout Lake project in the Boulder Junction exchange. The application is designated as Boulder Junction - Trout Lake Project – Application 3 since CenturyLink is submitting two other projects.

The Application has been entered into the ERF in 5-GF-237 as requested.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding this application.

Sincerely,

/s/ Scott Girard

Scott Girard
Regulatory and Legislative Affairs Manager WI & IL
CenturyLink
Email: scott.girard@centurylink.com

Enclosures

Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

Broadband Expansion Grant Program

Docket 5-GF-237

CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink

Boulder Junction – Trout Lake project – Application 3

Verification

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin is accepting applications for Broadband Expansion Grants. The Commission may award one or more grants that, in the aggregate, do not exceed an annual total of \$500,000 during Fiscal Year 2014 to public and private entities that meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Wis. Stat. § 196.504. Successful applicants will demonstrate a clear and achievable plan to improve broadband communications services in one or more underserved areas in the state.

In signing this application, the undersigned verifies under penalty of perjury that the Applicant and its employees and agents have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement or participated in any collusion or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competition with respect to this application; that no attempt has been made to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a application; that this application has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other proposer, competitor or potential competitor; that this application has not been knowingly disclosed prior to the opening of applications to any other applicant or competitor; that all of the responses and representations of Applicant in this application are true and correct to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, information, and belief; and that Applicant agrees to, accepts, and will comply with all of the terms and conditions respecting this application and any award of a Broadband Expansion Grant as may be established in a Grant Award Agreement.

Name of Authorized Company Representative (Type or Print) **Bob Brown**

Title
VP/GM

Phone **(608) 796-7447**

Fax **(608) 796-6979**

Email: bob.brown@centurylink.com

Signature of Above

Date

Federal Employer Identification No.

Social Security No. if Sole Proprietor (Voluntary)

72-1489619

APPLICATION #3

APPLICATION OF CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN, LLC d/b/a CENTURYLINK

Project: Boulder Junction – Trout Lake

Applicant identification and contact information

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

CenturyLink

CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) (PSCW Utility Number 6040), will provide the broadband and voice components in this project.

CenturyLink is an incumbent Local Exchange Service Provider operating in Wisconsin recertified as an Alternative Telecommunications Utility – Recertified (Final Decision dated September 9, 2011 in docket 6040-NC-100) CenturyLink has requested, and been granted, eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation for all the areas in which they provide service.

The contact for CenturyLink is:

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CenturyLink
10 E. Doty St, STE 800
Madison, WI 53730
Phone: (608) 441-5730
Email: scott.girard@centurylink.com

Vilas County Economic Development Corporation

The Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (“VCEDC”) is a 501 c (3) non-profit corporation whose purpose is to coordinate economic development activities Vilas County, Wisconsin.

The contacts for VCEDC are:

Bob Egan, Executive Director
began@nnex.net

Barry McLeane, Program Director
bmcleane@gmail.com

PO Box 1621, Eagle River, WI 54521
715-337-0061
www.VilasCountyEDC.org

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Project: Boulder Junction – Trout Lake

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE APPLICANTS:

The proposed broadband expansion project is a public-private partnership involving CenturyLink, the VCEDC and the Town of Manitowish Waters (the “Town”). The VCEDC has passed a resolution authorizing (1) negotiation and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement (“IGA”) between the VCEDC and the Town; (2) negotiation and execution of certain agreements for broadband expansion in the Town between the VCEDC, as agent for the Town under the IGA, and CenturyLink; and (3) the VCEDC to be a co-applicant on this grant. Attachment D pages 4 to 9 is the VCEDC Resolution. The VCEDC will be the agent for the Town for purposes of this broadband expansion project due to the greater resources available to the VCEDC to assist with administration of the grant, if awarded.

The Town has committed to provide support for the broadband expansion project proposed in this grant application. The Town, the VCEDC and CenturyLink are working cooperatively to finalize the IGA and all other necessary agreements. The Town has passed a resolution supporting the project, a copy of which is included herewith in Attachment D, page 3. It is anticipated that further resolutions will be adopted by the Town, the IGA will be completed and any further agreements will be finalized within the next 30-60 days.

As noted in the public-private partnership agreement, Attachment D pages 1 and 2, CenturyLink will be the recipient of the grant. As such CenturyLink is responsible for the planning, construction, and operating the project. Any revenues derived from customers taking service as a result of the project are solely CenturyLink’s.

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Project: Boulder Junction – Trout Lake

Description of the project

A description of the proposed broadband project plan.

This project provides investment to provide updated electronics at the Trout Lake service device. CenturyLink already has fiber to the Trout Lake serving device. Even though no additional fiber is being added for this project we classify the project as “middle mile” since it is improving service to the entire serving area. The project will provide up to 40 Mbps at the service device. There are approximately 104 living units in the area of Trout Lake. This application is in the area of the Boulder Junction exchange.

The broadband service speed to the customer depends on how close they are located to the serving device. As shown in the chart below, the shorter the distance to the customer the higher the available broadband speed.

The chart below shows the relationship between data speeds available and distance from the serving device:

Maximum Download Speed	Maximum Distance ¹ From Serving Device (in feet)	Technology
40 Mbps	2,700	VDSL2
20 Mbps	3,300	VDSL2
12 Mbps	6,800	VDSL2
7 Mbps	8,500	ADSL2+
5 Mbps	10,200	ADSL2+
3 Mbps	13,600	ADSL2+
1.5 Mbps	18,700	ADSL2+

¹ Distances are based on 24 gauge wire and actual results vary dependent upon individual loop make-up.

A description of which areas are “unserved” or “underserved.”

Based on the end-of-year 2012 data from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the proposed project area encompasses areas that are currently underserved.

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

Attachment A is a list of the census blocks where broadband facilities would be deployed as a result of this project. Also included in this filing is an Excel spreadsheet, file named *5-GF-237 Census Blocks Trout Lake project.xlsx*.

An electronic map.

Please see Attachment B for a map of the Boulder Junction – Trout Lake project.

Project Schedule.

There is no project scheduled for this project. A project schedule is developed once a project is authorized -- it is then submitted to the Engineering Group who develops a project schedule. If the project is approved, we can submit a project schedule within 30 days. While no project schedule exists, CenturyLink expects to complete the project in 2014 if it is approved by May 15, 2014.

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Itemized statement of funding request

Proposed budget.

The total construction costs are \$118,374 for updating the electronics at the serving device. CenturyLink is seeking a broadband expansion grant of \$95,700. The project is only for costs directly associated with the construction. The grant will not subsidize operating costs or profits. Absent receiving the broadband expansion grant CenturyLink will not undertake the project. Please see Attachment C for the details of the proposed budget. **This attachment is confidential.**

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Project: Boulder Junction – Trout Lake

Priority Factors supporting the application

The applicant's financial match.

The proposed budget for this project was provided above. The total estimated cost of this project is \$118,374. CenturyLink will fund 20% of this project, or \$23,675.

Broadband Providers.

CenturyLink provides internet service in the Boulder Junction – Trout Lake area but the maximum speed we can offer using existing facilities is 1.5 Mbps. While the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's end-of-year 2012 data shows that CenturyLink provides broadband service of 3 Mbps or greater in some of the census blocks, that information was based on approximations used across CenturyLink's 37-state service territory. The NTIA data showed that there are no other providers offering broadband service at 3 Mbps or greater in the project area.

Description of public-private partnership / Letter of Support.

As described in detail above, CenturyLink has entered into a public-private partnership with the VCEDC and Town. The agreement is included in Attachment D, pages 1 and 2. CenturyLink continues to work with interested groups in the area to gather support for the project, which may result in additional public-private partnerships or they may submit letters of support for the project.

Description of the area.

The Trout Lake project is located in Vilas County in northern Wisconsin. The area is rural and the topography is noted for its lakes and forests, which contribute to the area's natural beauty, but also makes the area a high-cost area to provide broadband service. The population in the Trout Lake area is 88. The area is largely residential, but there are some businesses. In addition, some of the residential customers may have home businesses or work from home. No specific details are available in the project area. Further, if the project is approved it will enable greater broadband to be available to customers in the area. Those people who take advantage of the higher broadband speeds may be able to work from home more easily or start home businesses or make their existing businesses operate more efficiently.

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Other information supporting the application

An estimate of the number of potential new broadband subscribers.

This project will provide broadband service to approximately 104 living units that currently have access to broadband of speeds no greater than 1.5 Mbps download.

The applicant's financial and network qualifications.

CenturyLink's history of evolving from a small rural telephone company to the third largest telecommunications company in the nation may be attributed to its forward-looking vision and its ability to evolve its network to keep pace with both changes in technology and customer demands.

CenturyLink is familiar with the challenges of serving both rural areas and large urban markets with voice and data services.

CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality, advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. At the same time, CenturyLink's incumbent local exchange service territory includes many rural communities and areas of low household density, making CenturyLink a recognized leader in providing telecommunications services in the highest-cost areas of the country. In fact, over 35% of our wire centers have a local loop density of fewer than 10 access lines per square mile. Some of these wire centers serve customers with local loops in excess of 75 miles.

CenturyLink, Inc. began providing local exchange service in Oak Ridge, LA in 1930 and has continued to grow and expand its operations. CenturyLink has extensive experience in constructing and operating broadband networks in Wisconsin and throughout the Country.

CenturyLink, Inc. is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality, advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for business and consumers.

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CenturyLink, Inc. is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com

CenturyLink, Inc. has a network investment of \$1.6b in Wisconsin, with Broadband Availability of 94%.

Customer Benefit of the Broadband Expansion Grant Program.

It is uneconomic for CenturyLink, based on the cost of the project and number of customers in the area, to provide broadband service above 1.5 Mbps to these customers in the proposed project area, absent additional support. Unless the Commission approves CenturyLink's application, it is highly likely citizens in the proposed project area will not be able to receive broadband speeds exceeding 1.5 Mbps. As mentioned before, if the project is approved, people will likely take advantage of the higher speeds, which will enable work from home and home businesses. Further, higher broadband speeds enable small businesses to be more productive and reduce their costs. The absence of adequate broadband service can be a barrier for businesses to begin or expand operations. Approving this application will therefore foster the economic development of the area.

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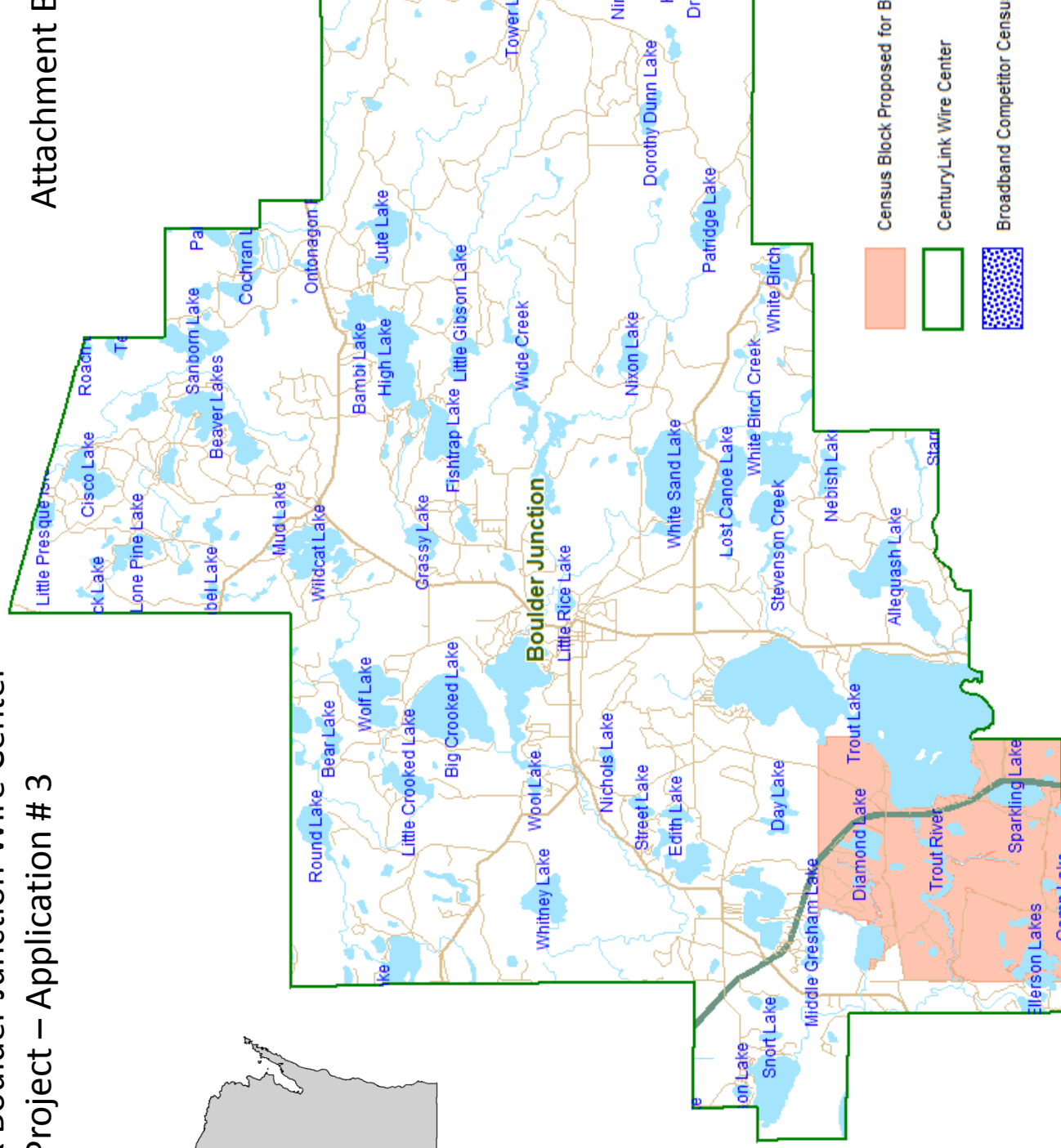
Attachment A

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Trout Lake Census Blocks	Census Block Population	Census Block Housing Units	Estimated CTL Population	Estimated CTL Housing Units
551259506003216	36	70	36	70
551259506003223	0	0	0	0
551259506003224	0	0	0	0
551259506003225	3	19	3	19
551259506003232	0	0	0	0
551259506003241	7	9	7	9
551259506003248	28	28	28	28
551259506003251	0	0	0	0
551259506003410	54	50	14	13
Total	128	176	88	139

CenturyLink Boulder Junction Wire Center Trout Lake Project – Application # 3

Attachment B



2014 Wisconsin Broadband Expansion Grant Program
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Application of CenturyTel of Northern Wisconsin, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink
Proposed Construction Budget
Wire center: Boulder Junction
Location: Trout Lake
Application # 3

Attachment C

Proposed Construction Budget:

Description of Costs	Investment Category	Year 2014
Plant Investment:		
Electronics - Calix E7/C7 BBDLC	Circuit Equipment (2232)	Confidential
Copper Cable Deployment	Buried Cable - Metallic (2423)	Confidential
Fiber Cable Deployment	Buried Cable - Non Met (2423)	Confidential
Labor - Fiber & Electronics	Buried Cable - Non Metallic (2423)	Confidential
Overheads	Buried Cable - Non Metallic (2423)	Confidential
Total Plant Investment		<u>\$ 118,374</u>

March 14, 2014

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The proposed recipient of the grant, CenturyLink, already has a presence in the project area. CenturyLink's technical expertise combined with the significant matching funds it has offered to the project will ensure the high quality and cost effective delivery of broadband in an area of the State where the need for expansion is very high, as is the anticipated usage.

The Vilas County Economic Development Corporation (VCEDC) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit quasi-governmental organization that works with public, business and nongovernmental sector partners to create better conditions for economic growth and employment generation within Vilas County. The VCEDC's overall goal is to connect resources to the various sector partners of Vilas County through private-public partnerships to promote economic well-being of businesses and improve the quality of life for residents of Vilas County.

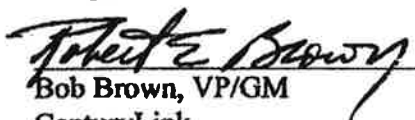
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The private-public partnership and cooperation between the undersigned will serve as a model that can be duplicated and expanded to continue to bring broadband expansion to both high need and anticipated high usage areas in and around Vilas County and the greater northwoods area. Broadband access is a major factor in encouraging economic growth and job creation.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Bob Brown, VP/GM
CenturyLink


Bob Egan, Executive Director
Vilas County Economic Development Corporation

John Hanson, Chair
Manitowish Waters

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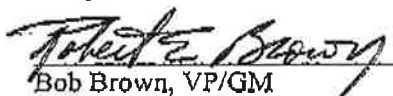
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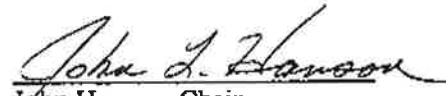
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Bob Egan, Executive Director
Vilas County Economic Development Corporation



Town of Manitowish Waters
P. O. Box 267
Manitowish Waters, WI 54545

Resolution of the Town Board of Manitowish Waters


Whereas; The Town Board of Manitowish Waters believes high speed internet service is extremely important for the residents and businesses of our Town,

And whereas; High speed internet is a critical service for economic development, educational and informational opportunities for students and senior citizens,


And whereas; Vilas County Economic Development Corporation has the capability to apply for available grant funding directly, or as a co-applicant, for the purpose of purchasing and installing materials and equipment for expanding broadband service,

Now therefore be it resolved; That the Manitowish Waters Town Board support and encourage VCEDC to pursue such appropriate grants as they become available.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2014


John L. Hanson, Town Chairman


Henry Bauers, Supervisor


Eric Behnke, Supervisor

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Manitowish Waters Town Board at it's regularly scheduled meeting on the 11th day of March, 2014.


Dana M. Hilbert, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Resolution of the Vilas County Economic Development Corp.(VCEDC) Board of Directors

Concerning Intergovernmental Agreement and Co-Application for grant monies with other stakeholders

WHEREAS, the VCEDC Board occasionally finds it necessary to apply for available grant funding in order to fulfill its strategic plan objectives.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors may find it necessary to use the experience, knowledge, and expertise as well as the business name of private firms in the execution of these applications.

WHEREAS, the VCEDC has been involved in discussions with a number of wireless broadband providers, including but not limited to CenturyLink concerning projects to expand broadband capability to reach un-served or underserved residences and businesses in Vilas County where such service is currently unavailable or prohibitively expensive.

WHEREAS, providers may derive significant benefit and enhance the likelihood of success for such projects where they are able to form a public/private partnership with the municipalities where these projects are located and the VCEDC.

WHEREAS, sources of funding for such projects include local private and public contributions and promotion by and with the affected municipalities and the VCEDC and co-application for certain grants from the PSC and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the: (1) negotiation and execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the VCEDC and participating municipalities, such Agreement to be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, (2)

negotiation and execution of certain Development Agreements by and between the VCEDC, as agent under the Agreement, and such broadband providers, providing for the terms of any monetary or other support, and (3) when deemed necessary, co-application for said grants with qualified broadband providers.

Date: 3-19-2014 Board President: 

Secretary's Certification: 

I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the VCEDC Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2014, at which a quorum was present.

By: Richard J. Leinenkugel Board Secretary

Date: 3-19-2014

Exhibit A

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

(By and between Vilas County Economic Development Corporation

and

the Town of Manitowish Waters and the Town of Arbor Vitae)

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made this ____ day of March, 2014 by and among the Participating Parties (defined below) located in the State of Wisconsin (the "State") which, through their duly authorized representatives, have signed this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation ("VCEDC") , a nonstock, not-for profit corporation, was created to lessen the burdens of government and provide support for economic development in Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, CenturyLink, a Wisconsin corporation ("CenturyLink"), a Wisconsin fixed-wireless broadband provider proposes to expand broadband capability to reach the most potential unserved or under-served residences and businesses in Vilas County where such service is currently unavailable or is prohibitively expensive (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it is currently expected that the proposed broadband expansion would be constructed in the Town of Manitowish Waters and the Town of Arbor Vitae, Vilas County, Wisconsin (each a "Participating Party" and collectively, the "Participating Parties"); and

WHEREAS, each of the Towns is a political subdivision of the State within whose boundaries a portion of the Project is located; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Parties wish to enter into this Agreement providing that the VCEDC and the Participating Parties will work cooperatively with CenturyLink to secure funding through grants, contributions or other means to support the Project, assist in public education about the Project, and assist CenturyLink to provide such services in Vilas County; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the new jobs and other economic benefits for residents of each of the Towns and Vilas County that will result from the Project, each Participating Party has agreed to provide community education and support, strategic and tactical advice, and sponsorship including monetary or other contributions toward the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by and among the Participating Parties as follows:

1. Purpose. The Participating Counties, acting pursuant to Section 66.0301 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby agree to cooperate and exercise their municipal powers jointly for the purpose of providing support and/or revenues for the Project.

2. Authorization. Each Participating Party shall authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and authorizes VCEDC, as agent, to execute any other agreements requested to be executed and delivered hereunder, including, but not limited to a Development Agreement by and between CenturyLink and the VCEDC, as agent for the Participating Parties, by all necessary corporate action of the Participating Party. Each Participating Party shall have the right to make reasonable objections to the same. If disagreement occurs, the decision shall be made by a majority of the Participating Parties by their respective governing bodies.

3. Records. The VCEDC will maintain and be the custodian of all records associated with the administering and performance of this Agreement, and will make those records available to all Participating Parties upon request.

4. Reporting. CenturyLink shall meet with the VCEDC on a semi-annual basis for the purpose of presenting an oral report on the status of the Project. The date, time and place of such meeting shall be determined cooperatively among the parties. No less than seven (7) days prior to such meeting, the Borrower shall provide to the VCEDC a written report regarding siting, construction progress with respect to the Project.

5. Effective Date. This Agreement shall become effective upon its adoption by all Participating Parties. Any initial Participating Party, or additional Party entering into this Agreement, shall adopt an authorizing resolution, and provide a certified copy of the resolution to all other Participating Parties. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until terminated as provided herein.

6. New Members. After the effective date of this Agreement, additional municipalities may join in this Agreement upon application to, and approval by the Participating Parties. Approval shall be conditioned upon the adoption by the governing body of the new member of the terms and provision of this Agreement by resolution, a certified copy of which is to be provided to each Participating Party.

7. Termination. This Agreement shall be deemed terminated when such termination has been approved by all Participating Parties. A Participating Party shall be released from its obligations under this Agreement if such Participating Party submits a written request.

8. Severability. The terms of this Agreement are severable and any determination by any court or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Agreement that results in the invalidity of any part shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement.

9. Amendments. The terms of this Agreement shall not be amended without the written authorization of the governing bodies of all Participating Counties.

10. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

11. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof. All prior and contemporaneous agreements, representations and understandings of the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement, oral or written, are superseded by this Agreement; provided however, that this Agreement shall not cover the exercise by any Participating County of its rights and remedies under any reimbursement agreement between the Borrower and such Participating County or under any guaranty agreement with the Guarantor.

13. Assignment. The rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement may not be assigned without the express written consent of all parties.

[SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW]

**VILAS COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,**
a Participating Party

By: _____

By: _____

**TOWN OF MANITOWISH WATERS,
WISCONSIN,**
a Participating Party

By: _____

By: _____

TOWN OF ARBOR VITAE, WISCONSIN,
a Participating Party

By: _____

By: _____

Acknowledged:

CENTURYLINK

By: _____