COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

AN INQUIRY INTO THE STATE) CASE NO. UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND) 2016-00059

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AND FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

CenturyLink Communications, LLC ("CTL") moves to withdraw from the abovereferenced case. In support of its motion, CTL states:

- 1. CTL is a nominal party identified by the Commission's February 1, 2016 Order establishing this inquiry into Kentucky's Universal Service Fund ("KUSF").
- 2. At page six of the Order, the Commission stated it would allow each carrier that is not an ETC in Kentucky an opportunity to withdraw from the case. CTL is not an ETC in Kentucky and does not receive Universal Service support.
- 3. Withdrawal is appropriate for CTL because the funding and administration of the KUSF does not materially impact its Kentucky operations as long as the funding mechanism remains uniform among providers of voice services.
- 4. CTL will monitor any compliance items affected by the proceeding but hereby requests to be dismissed as a party.
- 5. CTL also respectfully requests a four day extension of time for filing this motion, which was to have been electronically filed by February 26, 2016. All other motions filed on that date remain pending, and an extension for CTL to request its withdrawal will not prejudice any parties to the case.

For the above stated reasons, CTL respectively requests that the Commission grant it a three day extension for filing and permission to withdraw from further participation in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ELECTRONIC FILING PROCEDURES

In accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, I certify that the March 3, 2016 electronic filing of this Motion is a true and accurate copy of the same document being filed in paper medium; that the electronic filing was transmitted to the Commission on March 2, 2016; that there are currently no parties that the Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding; and that an original paper medium of this Motion will be mailed to the Commission by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, on March 3, 2016.

I further certify that I am the authorized agent for the entity filing this Motion and possess the facilities to receive electronic transmissions.

Douglas F. Brent