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Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

CGS-T-20-01

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Enclosed is the application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. for the broadband tax credit for the year 2018. This application is being submitted for Commission determination that the broadband equipment installed for 2018 meets the definition of qualified broadband equipment as found in Idaho code 63-3029I.

1. Name address of the applicant:

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc.
PO Box 9070
Monroe, LA 71211

Contact Person:

Amanda Brown, Director – Tax
Phone: 318-330-6327

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. is a provider of local exchange and broadband telecommunications services in Idaho.

2. Identify the area or location where the equipment is installed in Idaho.

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for equipment installed in the years 2018.

Broadband investment and retirements by year are as follows:

YEAR	INVESTMENT	RETIREMENTS	NET INVESTMENT
2018	\$47,585	(\$0)	\$47,585

3. Type of Broadband service offered to the public in Idaho.

CenturyTel of the Gem States, Inc. uses terrestrial wire line technology. Various forms of DSL-based equipment are used (ADSL & VDSL in various vintages). Transport is a mix of fiber optic and metallic cable, which typically is also supporting traditional telephony services. Equipment terminals are located in Central Office buildings, remote buildings and in cabinets on concrete pads each serving a neighborhood.

4. Network Transmission rate:

Please refer to Exhibit 2 for the years 2018.

5. Provide a specific list of equipment types that the application is requesting the Commission to determine is "qualified broadband equipment" as defined in Idaho Code Section 63-3029I.

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the years 2018.

6. Installation dates:

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the years 2018.

7. Written description of our Broadband Network including a description of how the installed equipment is an "integral part" of the broadband network:

Services are supported by our telecommunications network which consists of voice and data switches (circuit and packet), copper and fiber optic cables and transmission equipment. At central office building and at remote sites, multiplexers and advanced digital switches are controlled by licensed software. Fiber-optic cable is the primary transport media between nodes including interconnection points with other carriers. We continue to enhance and expand our network as broadband enabled technology improves and as customers, new and existing, demand significant additional capacity.

8. Percentage and number of potential subscribers:

Please refer to Exhibit 3 for the year 2018.

9. Certified statement from applicant:

Please See Exhibit 4.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (318) 330-6327.

Sincerely,



Amanda Brown
Director - Tax

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EXHIBIT 1

Equipment Installed In Idaho

2018

Year	2018
COMP_ID	T148

Sum of SumOfYTD_TOT_ACT IR_DESCRIPTION	INITIATIVE_DESCRIPTION	EXCHANGE_DESCRIPTION BRUNEAU	GRANDVIEW	Grand Total
ACCESS - CAPACITY	CONSTANTS			6,630
MARKETABLE REVENUE - FTTT	ENGINEERING		5,445	5,445
	FIBER OPTIC		27,513	27,513
	TRANSMISSION/DLC		6,908	6,908
NATL MARKET REV - BUSINESS	ENGINEERING			784
ROADMOVES(CABLE AND DLC'S)	COPPER		236	236
	ENGINEERING		69	69
Grand Total			40,171	7,414
				47,585

EXHIBIT 2

Network Transmission Rates

2018

CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.
 IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT 2012- 2018
 NETWORK TRANSMISSION RATES
 QUESTION # 4

T148

ID LUs	40 mbps	20mbps	12mbps	7mbps	5mbps	3mbps	1.5mbps	256kbps	Total ID
EOY 2018	0	339	0	594	51	47	109	34	1,174
EOY 2017	0	401	134	505	61	62	115	37	1,315
EOY 2016	0	322	14	689	61	63	126	139	1,414
EOY 2015	0	403	32	498	51	50	140	153	1,327
EOY 2014	0	394	28	425	116	48	142	161	1,314
EOY 2013	115	268	24	483	53	73	171	128	1,315
EOY 2012	0	364	23	494	53	77	275	132	1,418

NOTE: *Include numbers for T148 and T147*

NOTE: Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where Qwest Corporation might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. Where mbps means megabits per second. These are download speeds. Upload speeds vary. These are availability counts, not subscribership counts.

EXHIBIT 3

**Idaho
Broadband
Subscribers**

2018

CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.
 IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT 2012- 2018
 PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL SUBSCRIBERS
 QUESTION #8

T148

ID LUs	TOTAL LU'S	TOTAL QUALIFIED LU'S	% QUALIFIED LU'S
EOY 2018	2044	1174	57%
EOY 2017	2,172	1,315	61%
EOY 2016	2,158	1,414	66%
EOY 2015	1,991	1,327	67%
EOY 2014	1,974	1,314	67%
EOY 2013	1,959	1,315	67%
EOY 2012	1,944	1,418	73%

NOTE: *Inculde numbers for T148 and T147*

NOTE: Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where Qwest Corporation might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. A working Living Unit is an address where Qwest now sends a bill for some type of service, not necessarily internet access service and not necessarily telephony service. A qualified LU is an address where DSL-based service could be provisioned in a short interval of time.


EXHIBIT 4

**Idaho
Broadband
Certification**

2018

**IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION
EXHIBIT 4
2018**

I hereby, certify that Representatives of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. (the applicant) have read the application statutes for the broadband investment income tax credit and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code Section 63-3029I .



Jonathan J. Robinson
VP North American Tax