

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 8-C445
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, CenturyLink and Qwest Communications filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission on May 10, 2010 for approval of their proposed merger. We are writing to express our support for this transaction as it will benefit consumers and small businesses in Louisiana.

With its headquarters in Monroe, CenturyLink is an important part of the Louisiana economy as well as an important driver of community development throughout our state. CenturyLink is one of just three Fortune 500 companies anchored in Louisiana. In particular, the company has invested over \$880 million in its networks in our state alone - enabling numerous rural communities to access advanced technology in the modern information economy.


The CenturyLink-Qwest merger will benefit consumers across the nation by enhancing the new company's ability to invest in broadband infrastructure and expand its offering of innovative products, such as CenturyLink's IPTV offering. In cities and small towns alike, a robust broadband network is an indispensable ingredient in economic development and bringing jobs to our local economies. We are also encouraged that CenturyLink has a good track record of integrating companies it acquires without interruptions in quality customer service and operations, including its July 2009 acquisition of Embarq.

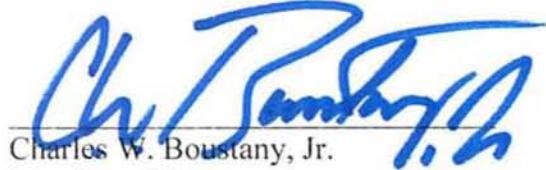
In closing, we would appreciate that you give this transaction every appropriate consideration, within the applicable guidelines, during the review. We are confident you will conduct a thoughtful and timely review, and appreciate your consideration of our views on this issue.

Sincerely,


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United States Senator


David Vitter
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