

THE CHAIRMAN

Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C.

January 13, 2011

The Honorable Jon Kyl United States Senate 730 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kyl:

Thank you for your letter urging prompt Commission attention to the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction - investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and promoting economic growth - are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, Julius Genachowski