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Commission Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Re: Informational Notice – Non-Basic Service – Offering of Three Promotional Offers for Business Customers

Enclosed are an original and five copies of an Informational Notice from CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink.

This filing extends three existing promotions for business customers originally approved under Docket No. 45454. Listed as follows are the details associated with this promotion:

Promotion 1- originally approved under Docket No. 45455:

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, business customers who are contacted 1 by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion may be eligible for a discount on the nonrecurring charges that are applicable for installation of a new business line or trunk.

To be eligible, customers must subscribe to High Speed (HSI) Internet concurrent with installation of a new line(s) or trunk(s). Packaged services (bundles) that include a business line or trunk are eligible for this promotion. Customers will receive a discount of up to \$80 per business line or trunk installed for each location at which HSI is installed under the same order. There is no limit on the number of times a customer may place orders for new lines or trunks and receive this promotional benefit during the promotional period.

The benefits awarded under this promotion may not be combined with the benefits of other currently available promotions that waive nonrecurring charges. (14-PB03)

Promotion 2 – originally approved under Docket No. 45455:

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, business Core Connect 2 and Core Connect 2 LITE customers may be eligible for a waiver of all nonrecurring charges (excluding charges applicable for inside wiring, construction, or CPE installation) that are otherwise applicable when they order additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE packages. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must subscribe to an additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE package under a term discount plan. The additional line(s), up to a maximum of nine, may be at the same or different locations but must be billed under the same account. This promotional offer may not be combined with other discounts unless otherwise specified. (14-PB01)

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Promotion 3 – originally approved under Docket No 45455:

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, new business customers who subscribe to Business Unlimited Service (a.k.a. Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan) may be eligible for a waiver of the nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of that service and a credit(s) of the monthly recurring charges. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must not have had service disconnected with the Company for non-payment in the past, must not have any past due bills for services owed to the Company, and must have a satisfactory credit rating. Nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of a new service will be waived when eligible customers subscribe to Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan under a one, two or three year term commitment. Additionally, customers subscribing under a one-year term will receive a credit for their first month's charge. Customers subscribing under a two-year term will receive a credit for the monthly recurring charge on their first and second months' invoices, and three-year term customers will receive a credit for the monthly charges on their first, second and third months' invoices. The initial bill credit will be reflected on the customer's first invoice issued following installation of the service. Credit amounts will not be applied for taxes and surcharges or for other services to which the customer subscribes. If a customer discontinues service prior to the end of required service period, credits issued under this promotion will be rescinded. This promotion does not apply to moves, changes, or additions to an existing customer's service and may not be combined with any other promotions. (12-PB02)

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ashley Douglas

cc: Public Counsel, Office of Public Utility Counsel

TX 14-PB03, TX 14-PB01, & TX 12-PB02

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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. Name of Company: CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink
- b. PURA Chapter under which Company operates: PURA, Chapter 58.
- c. Date of submission: January 20, 2017.
- d. Effective date: February 1, 2017.
- e. New and/or revised tariff pages: See Attachment A.
- f., Proposed implementation date: February 1, 2017.
- g. Affidavit of Notice: See Attachment B for certification of distribution.
- h. *Type of filing:* This is an Informational Notice to extend three promotional offerings pursuant to PURA 58.152.
- i. Relevant LRIC study(ies) or LRIC study reference: The prices in this informational notice comply with PURA 58.152(a) (1).
- j. Is the sum of the TELRIC-based wholesale prices of components needed for provision of the retail service at or below the retail price set forth in this filing: Not applicable.
- k. Is the service available for resale by a competitor: Yes, the service is available for resale by a competitor, who may call their CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink account representative to begin reselling these services.
- For package offerings that combine regulated products or services with unregulated products or services and/or with the products or services of an electing company's affiliate, an affidavit indicating that the price of the package, in addition to the requirements of §26.226 (d)(1) of this title (relating to Requirements Applicable to Pricing Flexibility for Chapter 58 Electing Companies), also recovers the cost to the electing company of acquiring and providing the unregulated products or services of the affiliate's products or services. The affidavit shall also indicate that the cost to the electing company of acquiring and providing an affiliate's products or services is greater than or equal to the cost to the affiliate of acquiring and/or providing the products or services. The cost to an electing company of acquiring or providing the affiliate's products or services shall be valued in a manner consistent with FCC requirements and with §26.226(d)(5) of this title. For a joint marketing effort that includes regulated products or services and the products or services of an affiliate, an affidavit shall be provided by each affected affiliate attesting that the affiliate's costs are recovered in a manner consistent with §26.226(d)(5) of this title and FCC requirements, if any: Not applicable

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GENERAL PROVISIONS (Continued)

m. Description of offering's terms and conditions: CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink proposes to offer three promotions for business customers. Listed as follows are the details associated with this promotion:

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During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, business customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion may be eligible for a discount on the nonrecurring charges that are applicable for installation of a new business line or trunk.

To be eligible, customers must subscribe to High Speed (HSI) Internet concurrent with installation of a new line(s) or trunk(s). Packaged services (bundles) that include a business line or trunk are eligible for this promotion. Customers will receive a discount of up to \$80 per business line or trunk installed for each location at which HSI is installed under the same order. There is no limit on the number of times a customer may place orders for new lines or trunks and receive this promotional benefit during the promotional period.

The benefits awarded under this promotion may not be combined with the benefits of other currently available promotions that waive nonrecurring charges (14-PB03)

Promotion 2 - originally approved under Docket No. 45454:

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, business Core Connect 2 and Core Connect 2 LITE customers may be eligible for a waiver of all nonrecurring charges (excluding charges applicable for inside wiring, construction, or CPE installation) that are otherwise applicable when they order additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE packages. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must subscribe to an additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE package under a term discount plan. The additional line(s), up to a maximum of nine, may be at the same or different locations but must be billed under the same account. This promotional offer may not be combined with other discounts unless otherwise specified (14-PB01)

Promotion 3 – originally approved under Docket No 45454:

During the period January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, new business customers who subscribe to Business Unlimited Service (a.k.a. Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan) may be eligible for a waiver of the nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of that service and a credit(s) of the monthly recurring charges. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must not have had service disconnected with the Company for non-payment in the past, must not have any past due bills for services owed to the Company, and must have a satisfactory credit rating. Nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of a new service will be waived when eligible customers subscribe to Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan under a one, two or three year term commitment. Additionally, customers subscribing under a one-year term will receive a credit for their first month's charge. Customers subscribing under a two-year term will receive a credit for the monthly recurring charge on their first and second months' invoices, and three-year term customers will receive a credit for the monthly charges on their first, second and third months' invoices. The initial bill credit will be reflected on the customer's first invoice issued following installation of the service. Credit amounts will not be applied for taxes and surcharges or for other services to which the customer subscribes. If a customer discontinues service prior to the end of required service period, credits issued under this promotion will be rescinded. This promotion does not apply to moves, changes, or additions to an existing customer's service and may not be combined with any other promotions.(12-PB02)

n. *Privacy concerns statement:* CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink end user customers will not experience a change in outflow of information as a result of this service offering. Therefore, there are no new privacy considerations arising from this current application.

Attachment A

CENTURYTEL OF PORT ARANSAS, INC. dba CENTURYLINK

TARIFF CHECK SHEET

TARIFF	SECTION	REVISION	SHEET
General Exchange Tariff	17	8th	No. 1
	17	3rd	No. 2

GENERAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

PROMOTIONS

A. General

1. Pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST R. §26.229 the Company may offer special promotions of new or existing services or products for limited periods.

B. Promotions

- During the period May 24, 2010 through August 21, 2010, new residence customers who order Simple Choice Bundle Unlimited may be eligible for the waiver of all service charges (excluding inside wire, construction, or CPE installation) that are otherwise applicable. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or contact the Company and request this promotion must agree to establish a new account with the Company that includes (1) Simple Choice Bundle Unlimited; and (2) the Company's High-speed internet (at any data speed).
- 2. From May 24, 2010 through August 21, 2010, when new residence customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion establish a new account that includes an access line, the Company will waive the service charges that are otherwise applicable (excluding inside wire, construction, or CPE installation) when the customer agrees to retain service for 12 months. This waiver will only apply to the primary access line. The benefits awarded under this promotion will not be rescinded if the customer disconnects the qualifying service prior to the 12-month commitment period.
- 3. From January 1, 2016 through **January 31, 2018**, business customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion may be eligible for a discount on the nonrecurring charges that are applicable for installation of a new business line or trunk.

To be eligible, customers must subscribe to High Speed (HSI) Internet concurrent with installation of a new line(s) or trunk(s). Packaged services (bundles) that include a business line or trunk are eligible for this promotion. Customers will receive a discount of up to \$80 per business line or trunk installed for each location at which HSI is installed under the same order. There is no limit on the number of times a customer may place orders for new lines or trunks and receive this promotional benefit during the promotional period. The benefits awarded under this promotion may not be combined with the benefits of other currently available promotions that waive nonrecurring charges.(14-PB03)

4. During the period February 1, 2014 through April 28, 2014, business Core Connect customers may be eligible for a waiver of all nonrecurring charges (excluding charges applicable for inside wiring, construction, or CPE installation) that are otherwise applicable when they order additional Core Connect packages.

To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must subscribe to an additional Core Connect package. The additional line(s), up to a maximum of nine, may be at the same or different locations but must be billed under the same account. This promotional offer may not be combined with other discounts unless otherwise specified.

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Effective: February 1, 2017	Director, Tariffs	
Order No.:	PO Box 4065, Monroe, Louisiana 71211	
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Promotions (Cont'd)

During the period July 28, 2015 through January 31, 2018, business Core Connect 2 and Core Connect 2 LITE customers may be eligible for a waiver of all nonrecurring charges (excluding charges applicable for inside wiring, construction, or CPE installation) that are otherwise applicable when they order additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE packages.

To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must subscribe to an additional Core Connect 2 or Core Connect 2 LITE package under a term discount plan. The additional line(s), up to a maximum of nine, may be at the same or different locations but must be billed under the same account. This promotional offer may not be combined with other discounts unless otherwise specified. (14-PB01)

During the period of January 1, 2016 through January 31, 2018, new business customers who subscribe to Business Unlimited Service (a.k.a. Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan) may be eligible for a waiver of the nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of that service and a credit(s) of the monthly recurring charges. To be eligible, customers who are contacted by the Company or who contact the Company and request this promotion must not have had service disconnected with the Company for non-payment in the past, must not have any past due bills for services owed to the Company, and must have a satisfactory credit rating.

Nonrecurring charges otherwise applicable for installation of a new service will be waived when eligible customers subscribe to Business Unlimited Service (a.k.a. Unlimited Business Assist Advantage Plan) under a one year term commitment. Additionally, customers will receive a credit for their first month's charge. The initial bill credit will be reflected on the customer's first invoice issued following installation of the service. Credit amounts will not be applied for taxes and surcharges or for other services to which the customer subscribes.

If a customer discontinues service prior to the end of required service period, credits issued under this promotion will be rescinded. This promotion does not apply to moves, changes, or additions to an existing customer's service and may not be combined with any other promotion. (12-PB02)

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Attachment B

CENTURYTEL OF PORT ARANSAS, INC. dba CENTURYLINK

Affidavit of Ashley Douglas

I, Ashley Douglas, Tariff Analyst for CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink (the Company), certify that notification has been prepared and sent to the commission (Public Utility Commission of Texas), to the office (Office of Public Utility Counsel) and to CLECs registered with the Public Utility Commission of Texas and doing business in the Company's certificated areas. This notification was provided via electronic distribution, United Parcel Service or U.S. Mail as required.

I, Ashley Douglas, have personal knowledge of the facts herein and certify that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Ashley Bouglas Tariff Analyst

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Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_day of

January, 2017

TERRI GUICE STATE OF LOUISIANA Union Parish Louisiana Bar Roll No. 8622 My Commission Expires at Death

Notary Public State of Louisiana

My Appointment Expires:

Attachment C

TARIFF CONTROL NO.
INFORMATIONAL NOTICE FOR \$ PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF CENTURYTEL OF PORT ARANSAS, INC. \$ TEXAS dba CENTURYLINK – Extension of Three \$ Existing Promotional Offers for Business \$ Customers
PROTECTIVE AGREEMENT
This Agreement is entered into between CenturyTel of Port Aransas, Inc. dba CenturyLink (the Company) and the Office of Regulatory Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "the PUC Staff") of the Public Utility Commission of Texas or the Office of Public Utility Counsel (hereinafter referred to as "OPC") on this the day of, 2017.
WHEREAS, Pursuant to PURA, §14.204, the PUC Staff or OPC has requested information from the Company concerning its filing in Tariff Control No.
WHEREAS, the Company contends the information requested by the PUC Staff or OPC confidential because it involves proprietary confidential information, which information the Company considers to be a trade secret; and
WHEREAS, the PUC Staff or OPC agrees to preserve the confidentiality of the information produced by the Company, and agrees to only use such information produced by the Company in this proceeding.
NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto mutually covenant and agree as follows:
1. The Company will designate documents which it claims contain the Company proprietary, confidential, information by placing or affixing on each such page (in a manner which will not interfere with legibility) the word "CONFIDENTIAL."
2. All information claimed to be confidential and so designated by the Company shall be treated by the PUC Staff of OPC as constituting confidential information and shall not be used for any purpose except conducting a review of this information notice. Further, the information shall not be disclosed to any person other than members of the PUC Staff or OPC who are involved with the review of this informational notice. Persons authorized to have access to this information designated as confidential shall use their best efforts to keep it secure and in accordance with the purpose and intent of this Agreement. To this end, persons having custody of any information designated as confidential shall keep the documents under lock, or otherwise properly secured during all times when the documents are not being reviewed by a person authorized to do so.
3. The PUC Staff or OPC agrees that during the course of the review of the Company's informational notice, they will disclose the designated confidential information to no one else except pursuant to a proper request under the Texas Open Records Act, and then only after the determination by the Texas Attorney General that disclosure is required. The PUC Staff or OPC shall promptly notify the Company of any Texas Open Records Act requests received.

- 4. In any subsequent contested proceeding related to this informational notice, the PUC Staff or OPC will disclose information designated as confidential to no one except pursuant to a protective order, which affords the protected information the appropriate degree of protection accorded by law, entered in such proceeding.
- 5. The PUC Staff or OPC expressly reserves the right to contest the confidential designations made by the Company. However, the PUC Staff or OPC will abide by the terms of this Agreement even as to designations which they challenge until a final determination by an Administrative Law Judge or other involved tribunal that certain information designated as confidential is not entitled to protection. The Company and the PUC Staff or OPC agree that this Protective Agreement may be amended in writing by subsequent agreement of the parties.
- 6. Upon completion of this review of the Company's informational notice and any subsequent contested proceeding related thereto and related appeals, all information designated as confidential provided to the PUC Staff or OPC pursuant to this Agreement, including any copies made or notes taken with regard thereto, shall be destroyed or, upon request, be returned to the Company.
- 7. This Protective Agreement shall remain valid and will also cover future requests for information by the PUC Staff or OPC related to this informational notice, as described in this Agreement, and thus no additional protective agreements need be executed.