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CenturyLink Reopens Enrollment Period for One Year of Free or Discounted DSL Broadband Service in St. Mary

The Public Service Commission (PSC), in partnership with CenturyLink, announced today that the 30 day period to sign up for free or discounted digital subscriber line (DSL) broadband service in St. Mary, has been extended to December 23, 2013. The original 30 day period expired October 21, 2013.

Deployment of broadband service in September to St. Mary by CenturyLink marked the completion of CenturyLink's commitment to extend high-speed Internet service to 27 underserved areas of the state. That commitment was part of a 2008 agreement between Qwest and the PSC. CenturyLink purchased Qwest in 2010 and assumed the company's DSL deployment obligations. The permitting process for St. Mary delayed CenturyLink's efforts to extend broadband service to St. Mary beyond the PSC ordered completion date for the project. The PSC late last year granted CenturyLink an extension to complete the work on the condition that the company provide one month of free or discounted DSL broadband service for each month that the project was delayed up to a maximum of 12 months.

This current offer is limited to 12 months of free or discounted service for qualifying St. Mary residences and small businesses who subscribe to DSL by December 23. Subscribers will receive a waiver of the monthly recurring charge for DSL 1.5 Mbps broadband service, or a monthly waiver equal to the 1.5Mbps monthly recurring charge, if the customer chooses a more expensive DSL service option with a speed greater than 1.5 Mbps.

CenturyLink free or discounted DSL service is available to both CenturyLink's current St. Mary customers, as well as residents and small businesses in St. Mary that may not currently subscribe to any CenturyLink services but have unused CenturyLink network facilities to their residence or business location. CenturyLink will mail postcards to its St. Mary customers to notify them of the availability of digital subscriber line (DSL) service and inform them how to sign up. In order to get the year of free service, or discounted service, St. Mary customers must call CenturyLink to subscribe to DSL service no later than December 23, 2013.

Residents of St. Mary who are interested in this offer should call CenturyLink at 855-302-1649 before December 23. Small businesses should call 800-831-7958 before December 23. Please note that not all potential DSL customers will be able to subscribe to DSL service due to network technical limitations. CenturyLink will confirm to potential customers at the time they call whether or not those customers technically qualify for DSL service.

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