

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of the	)	DOCKET UT-121113
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CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON,	)	ORDER 01
INC., d/b/a CENTURLINK	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
For Tariff Revisions on Less Than	)	ORDER GRANTING LESS THAN
Statutory Notice	)	STATUTORY NOTICE
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On June 29, 2012, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions and replacement sheets making clarifications to its Tariff WN U-8, designated as:

Section 16, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 16-7 (replaced July 10, 2012)  
Section 18, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 18-7 (replaced July 10, 2012)

2 CenturyLink requests an effective date of July 3, 2012, on less than statutory notice (LSN), in order to correct an error on two tariff sheets. The company omitted a step of combining two rates that were allowed to go into effect as the no action agenda in the open meeting on June 28, 2012. These rates should have been combined on a weighted average basis for billing purposes because the exchanges listed in each section are part of same operating entity. Section 16 includes legacy CenturyLink exchanges and Section 18 includes exchanges that CenturyLink (formerly PTI Communications) acquired from U S WEST Communications in Docket UT-940700.

3 The rate of \$0.009312 (currently in Section 16) and the rate of \$0.009357 (currently in Section 18) are now a combined weighted average in both sections of \$0.009316. Section 16 rate is a slight increase that is offset by Section 18 a slight decrease. There is no revenue impact to the company.

4 Staff has verified the weighted average calculation of CenturyLink and agrees that combining the rates is appropriate. These rates are billed in arrears and the filing is revenue neutral Staff also agrees that the tariff sheets should be approved with an effective date of July 3, 2012.

5 Staff therefore finds that the proposed tariff revisions are reasonable and are consistent with  
the public interest, and that it is appropriate for the Commission to approve these tariff sheets  
on less than statutory notice.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 6 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of  
Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate rates, regulations,  
practices, accounts, securities, and transfers of public service companies, including  
telecommunications companies. RCW 80.01.040; Chapter 80.04 RCW; and Chapter  
80.36 RCW.
- 7 (2) CenturyLink is an incumbent local exchange carrier subject to the jurisdiction of the  
Commission.
- 8 (3) CenturyLink is subject to the provisions of RCW 80.36.110 and WAC 480-80-121  
requiring telecommunications companies to file increases in any rate or charge with  
thirty days' notice. For good cause shown, however, the Commission may allow  
changes without requiring thirty days' notice by order specifying the changes to be  
made and the time when they shall take effect. WAC 480-80-122
- 9 (4) WAC 480-80-015 provides that the Commission may grant an exemption from any  
rule in Chapter 480-80 WAC, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes  
underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.
- 10 (5) Staff has reviewed the tariff revisions in Docket UT-121113 and recommends the less  
than statutory notice request of CenturyLink be granted.
- 11 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on  
July 27, 2012.
- 12 (7) After an examination of the proposed tariff revisions and giving consideration to all  
relevant matters and for good cause shown; the Commission finds that the proposed  
tariff revisions should become effective July 3, 2012.

**ORDER**

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink petition for less than statutory notice is granted.
- 14 (2) The tariff revisions filed on June 29, 2012, (as modified by the subsequent replacement sheets) will be effective as of July 3, 2012.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, on July 27, 2012.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary