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**WUTC v. Centurylink Communications, LLC**

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	DOCKET UT-181051
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS,	)	
LLC,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	
	)	

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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES  
SAMANTHA DOYLE AND GREGORY KOPTA

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2 10:30 a.m.

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4 THE COURT: Good morning. Today is  
5 Wednesday, October 26, 2022. It's approximately at  
6 10:30 a.m., and we're here today for a hearing regarding  
7 the Motion to Compel in Docket UT-181051, which is  
8 captioned "Washington Utilities and  
9 Transportation Commission versus Centurylink  
10 Communications, LLC."

11 My name is Samantha Doyle and I use  
12 "she/her" or "they/them" pronouns. And with me today is  
13 Gregory Kopta who uses "he/him" pronouns.

14 We are administrative law judges with the  
15 Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

16 Let's begin by taking short appearances from  
17 the parties. And we'll begin with CenturyLink.

18 MR. STEESE: Yes. This is Chuck Steese on  
19 behalf of CenturyLink, and with me online is in-house  
20 counsel, Adam Sherr.

21 Good to see you this morning, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Thank you. You, as well.

23 Great. And for Staff?

24 MR. MCGINTY: William McGinty, representing  
25 Commission Staff. And in the Zoom room is also Jeff

1 Roberson.

2 THE COURT: Okay. Did I see -- is Public  
3 Counsel with us today?

4 MR. NELSON: Good morning, Your Honor.  
5 John Nelson on behalf of Public Counsel.

6 THE COURT: Excellent. Thank you.

7 All right. Well, we have read the motion  
8 and Staff's response. I'll go through each of the data  
9 requests named individually avoiding confidential  
10 information and allow the company to give -- or pardon  
11 me, and -- and then I'll make a ruling.

12 We'll begin with Data Response 28 or "Data  
13 Request," excuse me.

14 Staff has already supplemented this request.  
15 I don't see a need to have them provide anything  
16 further.

17 Additionally, I want to speak to Data  
18 Request 35, as it was not addressed in CenturyLink's  
19 motion. It's additionally going to be denied.

20 Regarding the rest of the requests, to the  
21 extent that they are requesting the witness to produce  
22 further testimony to -- in order to answer new  
23 questions, I'm not going to entertain those arguments.

24 CenturyLink's motions then, therefore,  
25 relating to Data Request 31, 32, 37, 40, 41, and 42 are

1 denied.

2 MR. STEESE: Can you say that again, Your  
3 Honor? I got 31, 32, 41, and 42, but you said a couple  
4 in the middle, please.

5 THE COURT: I'm going to start over.  
6 31, 32, 37 and 40, 41, and 42.

7 MR. STEESE: Thank you. I just didn't get  
8 them all when you were speaking.

9 THE COURT: I understand.

10 Data Request 34C, given the fact that Staff  
11 has stated this information is not in their possession,  
12 we will not compel them to attempt to provide it and it  
13 is denied.

14 Data Request 34D, we agree this violates the  
15 work product and attorney-client privileges and  
16 additionally deny this motion -- deny this motion.

17 Finally, regarding Data Request 38 and 39,  
18 Staff, in citing their testimony, has sufficiently  
19 answered the questions and is, therefore, also denied.

20 So having spoke to all the data requests  
21 noted in the Motion to Compel on the record here today,  
22 I will not be entering an order.

23 Does anyone have any questions before we  
24 conclude?

25 MR. STEESE: No questions.

1 MR. MCGINTY: No questions. Thank you, Your  
2 Honor.

3 THE COURT: Okay. Great.

4 Well, that concludes the hearing today.  
5 We'll adjourn and be off the record.

6 Thank you, all.

7 MR. STEESE: Thank you.

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10 (Hearing concluded at 10:35 a.m.)

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