

[Service Date October 5, 2010]

October 5, 2010

**NOTICE OF DISCOVERY CONFERENCE
(Scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2010, 9:00 a.m.)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. For Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp., Docket UT-100820*

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On September 2, 2010, Qwest Communications International, Inc. (Qwest) and CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyLink, collectively with Qwest, Joint Applicants) filed a request for *in camera* review of certain documents relating to the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (HSR Documents) along with a request for oral arguments (*In Camera* Motion) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission). On September 15, 2010, Advanced TelCom, Inc., Electric Lightwave, Inc., Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc., and United Communications, Inc. d/b/a Unicom; Pac-West Telecomm, Inc.; XO Communications Services, Inc.; tw telecom of Washington, LLC; and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a PAETEC Business Services (collectively, Joint CLECs), Level 3 Communications, LLC, and Cbeyond Communications, LLC filed a Motion to Compel the Joint Applicants to produce the same HSR Documents.

On October 1, 2010, Joint CLECs filed a Motion for Leave to File a Reply in Support of Motion to Compel. Joint CLECs contend that Joint Applicants have already agreed to provide the very same highly sensitive documents at issue in this case to Intervenor's outside counsel and outside consultants in a similar Minnesota matter.

Given this recent development, as well as the Commission's prior order denying Joint Applicants' request for a special protective order to address such highly sensitive documents, the Commission will convene a discovery conference on **Friday, October 8, 2010**, to discuss the status of the outstanding motions. The Commission strongly encourages any parties wishing to address the Commission on this issue to attend the conference in person.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That a discovery conference in this matter will be held on Friday, October 8, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 206, 2nd Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

If you have any questions, please contact Marguerite E. Friedlander, at 360-664-1285, or by e-mail at mfriedla@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge