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Via email

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Colville Rate Center Numbering Waiver

Dear Mr. King:

By this letter Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") is requesting a waiver of the utilization requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/Neustar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open and assign one block of numbers that meet the needs of a specific CenturyLink customer.

Specifically, the customer has requested 400 consecutive numbers, in the 509-685-4000 and 4999 Block range, in order to maintain their internal dialing plan. The numbers will be added to the customer's existing inventory for facility growth and expansion; no numbers will be returned. The original customer request has been provided with this letter as Confidential Attachment A pursuant to WAC 480-07-160.

The 509 NPA is forecasted to exhaust in the fourth quarter of 2024. There are 117 unassigned NXXs in the 509 NPA and 16 Blocks available in the PA pool inventory for the Colville Rate Center, several of which are not in the format which will fulfill the customer request. Therefore, a new NXX Code will need to be opened.

In our effort to satisfy the customer's request, CenturyLink submitted a request to PA/Neustar on July 27, 2015 for additional numbering resources. That application and the subsequent denial have been provided as Confidential Attachment B pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. In order for the request to be approved, CenturyLink will require a waiver of the current usage threshold for new numbering requests.

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The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is demonstrated need such as a specific customer request for a large block of numbers. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order (“Order”) as the “safety valve” process (See FCC 01-362, ¶¶ 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days. (See ¶¶ 61, 66).

CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of months to exhaust and Rate Center Utilization requirements, and direct PA/Neustar to assign 400 sequential numbers in the 509 NPA Colville Rate Center to accommodate our customer’s request.

All directives can be emailed, faxed or mailed directly to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request please contact Rita Schmitz at (608) 796-5600 or rita.schmitz@centurylink.com. We would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/Neustar.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

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