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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST
(Due by Wednesday, August 19, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant, v. CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Respondent,*
Docket UT-132234

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information from CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) in the form of the following bench request.

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

On June 26, 2015, CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink), the Commission's regulatory staff (Staff), and the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel) filed a revised Settlement Agreement (Settlement) purporting to resolve all of the issues raised in Docket UT-132234. The Joint Testimony filed in support of the Settlement states that CenturyLink has received approval from the Federal Communications Commission and the Canadian authorities for spectrum for two microwave systems designed to provide redundancy on CenturyLink's system serving San Juan County.¹ Specifically, the Settlement provides that:

These microwave systems have sufficient capacity to maintain CenturyLink's intrastate voice and critical services traffic, such as 911 and SS7 links, on a diverse route between the islands and the mainland at normal call volumes.²

Please indicate whether the systems have sufficient capacity for the Company's broadband services available in San Juan County. Further, please report the starting date and duration for all licenses granted by the Federal Communications Commission and the Canadian authorities (e.g., five years, ten years) for the microwave systems covered by this provision of the Settlement.

¹ Exh. No. JT-1T at 7:1-5.

² Settlement, ¶ 15.

Please respond to this Bench Request no later than Wednesday, **August 19, 2015**, by 3:00 p.m., with an original and six (6) copies. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander at 360-664-1285, or via e-mail at mfriedla@utc.wa.gov.

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties