

DOCKET UT-132234
CENTURYLINK'S RESPONSE TO BENCH REQUEST NO. 1

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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.

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.

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.

CENTURYLINK RESPONSE:

The systems do not have sufficient capacity to carry all of CenturyLink's broadband services in San Juan County.

Microwave radio FCC Authorizations are granted for renewable 10 year periods:

<u>Site Name</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>	<u>Grant Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Friday Harbor	WQTH344	1/31/2014	1/31/2024
Mt. Constitution	WQTH347	1/31/2014	1/31/2024

When radio facilities are within a certain portion of the USA/Canada border they must be coordinated with the proper government authorities. The FCC through the State Department asks the Canadian government if operations within the frequencies specified will cause interference to any of their facilities. Once clearance is obtained, Canada no longer has any input on renewals unless there is some deviation from what was originally coordinated.

Respondents: Mark Reynolds and CenturyLink Legal
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