

May 20, 1999

Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: U-971835

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to the Commission's order issued May 27, 1998 in the above-referenced docket, enclosed for filing please find the *First Quarter 1999 Report of CenturyTel*. Attachment 2 to the report is submitted in a separate sealed envelope marked Aconfidential.®

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Calvin K. Simshaw
Corporate Counsel

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**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Commission)
Staff Investigation Into PUBLIC) DOCKET NO. U-971835
SERVICE COMPANY Analysis of)
"Year 2000" Computer Issues)

FIRST QUARTER 1999 REPORT OF CENTURYTEL

The Commission by order issued May 27, 1998 in this docket adopted Commission Staff's recommendation that designated public service companies be directed to submit quarterly reports on the status of Year 2000 efforts. The following constitutes the first quarter 1999 report of CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. and CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.

Each of the three above-referenced companies is a subsidiary of Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. (ACenturyTel@) and as such is included in the CenturyTel Year 2000 Project (AProject@). In its earlier quarterly reports, CenturyTel has submitted updated versions of Attachments 1 and 2 to the Federal Communications Commission Data Request regarding Year 2000 Compliance as the same reflected the then current status of the project. The WUTC has now formally adopted the uniform FCC reporting format for purposes of its own quarterly reports (Docket No. U-971835, First Supplemental Order issued January 27, 1999). Therefore, included herewith are updated versions of Attachments 1 and 2 of the FCC report form. These updates reflect the now current status of the project. including progress made in the first quarter 1999.

Also included with this report is the response to the questions posed in Item III of Staff's Y2K

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Periodic Report Template -- Contingency Planning.

Previously CenturyTel had requested confidential treatment of both Attachments 1 and 2. Pursuant to intervening discussions with WUTC Staff, CenturyTel has agreed to lift confidentiality claims with regard to Attachment 1 but retains that claim with regard to Attachment 2. Therefore, pursuant to Staff request, this report, with the exception of Attachment 2 is also being submitted electronically. Attachment 2 is being submitted in hard copy version only in a separate sealed envelope marked "confidential."

Respectfully submitted this 20th day of May, 1999.

CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC.
CENTURYTEL OF INTER ISLAND, INC.
CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC.

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Corporate Counsel

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YEAR 2000 STATUS

	Inventory		Assessment		Remediation		% Co
	% Complete	Est Comp Date (1)	% Complete	Est Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date	
Network Elements	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	98%	06/99	98%
Support Systems	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	100%
Auxiliary Systems	100%	N/A	100%	N/A	95%	06/99	95%

	Integration and System Test		Rollout	
	% Complete	Est Comp Date	% Complete	Est Comp Date
Network Elements	85%	09/99	N/A	N/A
Support Systems	12%	09/99	N/A	N/A
Auxiliary Systems	03%	09/99	N/A	N/A