

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UT-100820
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. AND)	PETITION TO INTERVENE OF
CENTURYTEL, INC.)	CHARTER FIBERLINK WA-CCVII
)	
For Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of)	
Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications)	
Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp.)	

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC (“Charter”) hereby petitions the Commission for leave to intervene in the above-entitled docket. Charter respectfully requests that the Commission accept this late-filed petition, as good cause exists to receive this petition and consider the intervention request set forth herein. Charter’s representatives intend to participate in the pre-hearing conference scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, and will make an oral motion for intervention during that conference. As grounds for intervention, Charter states as follows:

I.

2. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the persons to whom communications should be addressed are:

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II.

3. Charter is a registered competitive telecommunications company in Washington, authorized to provide both intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the state. Charter operates in the service territory of Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) in the state of Washington. Further, Charter operates in the service territory of CenturyLink’s affiliate (or subsidiary) Embarq Corporation, and Charter exchanges extended area service (e.g. EAS or “extended local”) traffic with CenturyLink in certain parts of Washington. Accordingly, Charter interconnects with both Qwest and CenturyLink, obtaining certain interconnection and related wholesale services and facilities from each company in Washington.

III.

4. Because Charter both competes with, and obtains wholesale inputs from, Qwest and CenturyLink, Charter has a substantial interest in the proposed transfer of control of Qwest to CenturyLink. Qwest is the largest incumbent local exchange carrier (“ILEC”) in Washington, and interconnection with Qwest is vital to Charter’s ability to provide service to customers in Qwest’s service territory. For that reason, Charter, seeks to ensure that the proposed transaction will not adversely impact its ability to obtain the specific interconnection and other wholesale services and facilities it needs to provide its services, and compete with both Qwest and CenturyLink affiliates.

IV.

5. The evidence, if any, and briefing presented by Charter will be of material value to the Commission in its determination of the issues involved in this proceeding, and Charter’s intervention will not broaden those issues or delay the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, Charter prays for leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, with a right to discovery, to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on brief and at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 1st day of June 2010.

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