

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	DOCKET UT-082119
	)	
EMBARQ CORPORATION AND	)	
CENTURYTEL, INC.	)	ORDER 03
	)	
For Approval of Transfer of Control of	)	
United Telephone Company of the	)	GRANTING LEAVE TO
Northwest d/b/a Embarq and Embarq	)	WITHDRAW
Communications, Inc.	)	
	)	
.....	)	

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **PROCEEDINGS:** On November 24, 2008, Embarq Corporation (Embarq) and CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel) filed a joint application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for approval of an indirect transfer of control of Embarq’s regulated Washington State operating subsidiaries to CenturyTel. The Commission conducted a prehearing conference on January 5, 2009, and entered Order 01 Prehearing Conference on January 6, 2009, allowing interventions by Comcast Phone of Washington (Comcast), Level 3 Communications, LLC, (Level 3) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 89 (IBEW).
  
- 2 On January 15, 2009, Level 3 filed its Motion to Withdraw, stating that it no longer wishes to participate in the Commission’s review of this application. It appears from Level 3’s motion that it has discussed its concerns with the applicants and is satisfied it no longer has a substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. Level 3 thus establishes good cause to support its request for leave to withdraw and it should be granted.

**ORDER**

- 3 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Level 3 Communications, LLC, is authorized to withdraw from its status as a party to this proceeding.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 9, 2009.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge