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December 17, 2024

NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR INITIAL ORDER
(Final Order Due by December 30, 2024)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Century Link Communications, LLC, d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group; Qwest Corporation; CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.; CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc.; CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.; United Telephone Company of the Northwest, Docket UT-240078.*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On March 13, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Complaint against CenturyLink Communications, LLC, d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group (CenturyLink).

On April 19, 2024, the Commission entered a Prehearing Conference Order (PHC), Notice of Hearing and procedural schedule (Order 01), which, among other things, scheduled an evidentiary hearing on September 13, 2024.

On May 20, 2024, the former Presiding Officer, Paige Doyle, issued a notice canceling the evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 13, 2024, after being informed by the parties that they conferred and agreed this matter was appropriate for decision on a paper record alone. On this same date, a Notice Modifying Procedural Schedule was issued modifying the procedural schedule, to remove the September 6, 2024, deadline for filing cross-examination exhibits, witness lists, and time estimates and the evidentiary hearing for September 13, 2024, was cancelled.

On October 14, 2024, the parties filed post hearing briefs and on October 16, 2024, Staff filed a Motion to Amend their Post Hearing brief.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-820(3) provides that the presiding administrative law judge will enter an initial order within sixty days, and that the Commission will enter its final order within ninety days following the close of the record, although this deadline may be extended for good cause. In this case, the record closed as of October 16, 2024, following Staff filing its motion to amend their post hearing brief, meaning that the final order would normally be due on December 16, 2024. Due to workload considerations and the time needed for full and appropriate consideration of the issues in this case, the Commission finds good cause to extend this deadline by two weeks to December 30, 2024. The Commission will, however, make its best effort to issue the initial order before that date.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE THAT the deadline for issuing the initial order in this docket is extended to December 30, 2024.

/s/ Amy Bonfrisco
AMY BONFRISCO
Administrative Law Judge