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Mark Reynolds Northwest Region Vice President 1600 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 1506 Seattle, WA 98191

RE:

Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink Rate Center Consolidation of Fox Island rate center and Gig Harbor rate center

Dear Mark.

On October 10, 2012 Qwest Corporation QC d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed a proposed rate center consolidation of the Fox Island and Gig Harbor 253 Number Plan Area (NPA) rate centers (RC's.)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) appreciates the proactive approach of the company to initiate the rate center consolidation for number resource conservation. The larger pool of numbers also contributes to improved numbering economy and deferred exhaust of the NPA.

According to industry guidelines, when rate centers are consolidated, a service provider must update its number forecasts. Notices must go out to the industry and database authorities. CenturyLink will file a report with the commission describing and confirming the consolidation of the Fox Island and Gig Harbor rate centers within thirty days of completion. The report must accompany the tariff filing including the name of the newly consolidated rate center. CenturyLink will complete the rate center consolidation including the following actions:

- 1. Notify the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA), Pooling Administrator (PA) and Telcordia Local Exchange Routing Guide requirements,
- 2. Distribution of required notifications per the Industry Guidelines, and
- 3. Filing Tariffs reflecting the new rate center name with the Commission.

The Commission supports the rate center consolidation as proposed and will file documents associated with this request under Staff Investigation Docket UT-100224 for reference and notification compliance.

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DAVID W. DANNER

**Executive Director and Secretary** 

