

[Service Date June 3, 2010]

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NOTICE OF BENCH REQUEST

(Due by Wednesday, June 9, 2010, to be updated every 30 days)

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International Inc., and CenturyTel, Inc., for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp., Docket UT-100820*

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) seeks information in the form of the following bench request from Qwest Communications International Inc., Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp., (collectively, Qwest) and CenturyTel, Inc. (with Qwest, Joint Applicants).

BENCH REQUEST NO. 1:

At the June 1, 2010 prehearing conference, Qwest indicated that the Joint Applicants have requested approval of the proposed merger in numerous other state and federal jurisdictions. The Commission directed the Joint Applicants to make a filing listing the jurisdictions in which the Joint Applicants had filed and to provide regular status updates on the regulatory-approval process in those jurisdictions.¹

Please provide a list of the jurisdictional agencies before which the Joint Applicants have requested merger approval. Please respond to this Bench Request no later than

¹ The Commission had originally directed Joint Applicants to file updates every 90 days, updating the status of the merger cases filed in other jurisdictions. Upon further evaluation, the Commission directs that status updates be filed with the Commission every 30 days.

Wednesday, **June 9, 2010**, with an original and **twelve (12)** copies. Please provide regular updates to the Commission on those proceedings **every 30 days, beginning July 9, 2010**. If you have any questions concerning these requests, please contact Administrative Law Judge Marguerite E. Friedlander at 360-664-1285, or via e-mail at mfriedla@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

cc: All Parties