February 9, 2009

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corp. and CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Tel. Co. of the NW d/b/a Embarq Communications, Inc.

Docket UT-082119

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are the original and 12 copies of the Commission Staff's Response to IBEW's Motion to Dismiss, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN C. THOMPSON Assistant Attorney General

JCT/emd Enclosures cc: Parties