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Your current private line services under the Secondary Transport Contract between Qwest and the State of Washington, are billed by Qwest, but jointly provided by two telephone companies – Qwest Corporation (Qwest®) and a CenturyTel company (CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., or CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc., or CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.). This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the designated carrier for private line services that are provided jointly with CenturyTel in Washington.

Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services in portions of Washington. Qwest's Petition will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 31, 2006.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that whether or not Qwest's Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will maintain the current billing arrangement for those circuits provided under the Secondary Transport Contract. Therefore, your billing arrangement (a single bill from Qwest) will not change through the expiration of the current contract on June 30, 2007.

If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, e-mail the Commission at comments@wutc.wa.gov, or write the Commission at:

Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

You may also contact a Qwest representative at 1 877-262-6596 if you should have questions about this letter or the services provided by Qwest on its behalf or on behalf of CenturyTel. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative.

Qwest and CenturyTel are proud to be your private line telecommunications providers, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

Sincerely,

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