

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Notice of  
Transaction and Application of

CENTURYLINK

For an Order Declining to Assert  
Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative,  
Expedited Approval of the Indirect  
Transfer of Control of Level 3  
Communications, LLC, Broadwing  
Communications, LLC, Wiltel  
Communications, LLC, Global Crossing  
Telecommunications, Inc., Global  
Crossing Local Services, Inc., and Level  
3 Telecom of Washington, LLC to  
Centurylink, Inc.

DOCKET UT-170042

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE  
(Set for February 8, 2017,  
at 1 p.m.)

- 1 On January 17, 2017, CenturyLink (CenturyLink or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Notice of Transaction and Application for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Expedited Approval of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Level 3 Communications, LLC, Broadwing Communications, LLC, WilTel Communications, LLC, Global Crossing Telecommunications, Inc., Global Crossing Local Services, Inc., and Level 3 Telecom of Washington, LLC to CenturyLink, Inc.
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate telecommunications companies providing service in the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and 80.36, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and 80.36.150 RCW. The rules that apply to this matter include those within 480-120 WAC, relating to telecommunications.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW



34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1 p.m., on February 8, 2017, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, **but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene.** Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Parties with more than one representative must identify one individual as the “lead” for purposes of official service. Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

8 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:



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- 10 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken of the Public Counsel Unit to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling, using the address, email address, or telephone number listed below.
- 12 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 27, 2017

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary



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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : \_\_\_\_\_

Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hearing Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Hearing Impaired (Yes) \_\_\_\_\_ (No) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a certified sign language interpreter:

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Other type of assistance needed: \_\_\_\_\_

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

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