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INTERVENOR: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff

REQUEST NO: 2

Re: CTL Rural Exemptions, Paragraph 8 of the Joint Application
Please describe the rural exemption status (pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(f)) of each of the following companies for Washington State:

- a. CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink
- b. CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink
- c. CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink
- d. United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a CenturyLink

RESPONSE:

- a. CenturyTel of Washington, Inc, d/b/a CenturyLink is defined as a "rural telephone company" under 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). As such, with passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the company was granted a rural exemption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1). Such rural exemption continues in place until such time as the state commission makes a determination to terminate the exemption consistent with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1) (A). No such determination has been sought from, or rendered by the WUTC.
- b. CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc, d/b/a CenturyLink is defined as a "rural telephone company" under 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). As such, with passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the company was granted a rural exemption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1). Such rural exemption continues in place until such time as the state commission makes a determination to terminate the exemption consistent with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1) (A). No such determination has been sought from, or rendered by the WUTC.
- c. CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc, d/b/a CenturyLink is defined as a "rural telephone company" under 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). As such, with passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the company was granted a rural exemption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1). Such rural exemption continues in place until such time as the state commission makes a determination to terminate the exemption consistent with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1) (A). No such determination has been sought from, or rendered by the WUTC.
- d. United Telephone Company of the Northwest, d/b/a CenturyLink is defined as a "rural telephone company" under 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). As such, with passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, the company was granted a rural exemption pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1). Such rural exemption continues in place until such time as the state commission makes a determination to terminate the exemption consistent with the provisions of 47 U.S.C. 251 (f) (1) (A). No such determination has been sought from, or rendered by the WUTC.

Respondent: CenturyLink, Calvin Simshaw