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INTERVENOR: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Staff

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Re: CTL Rural Exemptions, Paragraph 8 of the Joint Application

Please describe how the transaction will affect the rural exemption status of each of the four CenturyLink ILECs operating in Washington State.

RESPONSE:

The transaction will not affect the rural exemption status of each of the four CenturyLink ILECs operating in Washington State. The transaction occurs at the parent company level and will not affect the corporate identity or existence of the CenturyLink ILECs. Therefore there will be no impact on the rights and obligations of the CenturyLink ILECs including the status of their rural exemption.

Respondent: CenturyLink, Calvin Simshaw