BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND **DOCKET UT-181051** TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant, DECLARATION OF JEFF ROBERSON v. CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, Respondent. I, JEFF ROBERSON, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare as follows: I am over 18 years of age and competent to be a witness. I am employed by the Washington State Attorney General's Office as Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Utilites and Transportation Division. I am an attorney for Washington Utilites and Transportation Commission Staff (Staff) in the above captioned matter. On June 30, 2023, I received an email from William McGinty, Staff's lead counsel in this matter. Mr. McGinty stated that his father had passed away unexpectedly on the night of June 29, 2023, and that he anticipated being out of the office for most, if not all, of the next week. Mr. McGinty asked, in a subsequent conversation on June 30, 2023, if I could seek a 30-day continuance in the deadline to file responses to the petitions for reconsideration filed by CenturyLink and Public Counsel in this docket. I informed him that I would do so.

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I contacted counsel for CenturyLink and Public Counsel on June 30, 2023, and both informed me that I could represent that they support the request for a continuance.

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I attempted to contact counsel for the Washington Military Department on June 30, 2023. I received an auto-response email stating that counsel was on vacation and would not return to the office until July 5, 2023.

DATED at Tumwater, Washington, and effective this 30th day of June, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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