

February 19, 2009

VIA E-MAIL & FIRST CLASS MAIL

David Danner
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. For Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest d.b.a. Embarq and Embarq Communications.
Docket No. UT-082119

Dear Mr. Danner:

Public Counsel is filing this letter to update the status report sent to the Commission on February 17, 2009, regarding the customer notice in the above-captioned case.

As earlier reported, representatives from Public Counsel, CenturyTel, Embarq, and UTC Consumer Protection were unable to reach full agreement on the content of the notice. On February 17, 2009, the points of disagreement were presented to Chief Administrative Law Judge, Ann Rendahl. Based upon direction from the bench, additional items have been included in the notice. Public Counsel, CenturyTel, Embarq, and UTC Consumer Protection are now in agreement on the format and content of the notice containing the additions. The notice is expected to be included in customer bills in the March 2009 billing cycle.

Sincerely,

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