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March 20, 2020

**NOTICE REVISING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**and**

**NOTICE CANCELING EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC*, Docket UT-190209

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 24, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Complaint and Notice of Prehearing Conference (Complaint) against Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink or the Company) for violations of state laws and Commission rules arising from a 911 service outage affecting Washington residents in July 2017.

On May 24, 2019, the Commission entered Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 02), which established a procedural schedule including, among other things, an evidentiary hearing on September 24, 2019. On August 23, 2019, the Commission issued a notice suspending the procedural schedule in anticipation of a potential multi-party settlement, and cancelling the scheduled hearing. On September 25, 2019, the Commission issued a notice reinstating the procedural schedule and setting a hearing date for February 13, 2020. On November 14, 2020, the Commission issued a notice revising the procedural schedule and rescheduling the evidentiary hearing for March 31, 2020. On February 21, 2020, the Commission issued a notice further revising the procedural schedule and rescheduling the evidentiary hearing for April 9, 2020.

On March 16, 2020, the presiding officer contacted the parties to suggest that, due to the escalating COVID-19 situation and state-wide social distancing measures, the Commission either continue the case on a paper record or reschedule the hearing to late May, at the preference of the parties. The parties stipulated to the admission of the prefiled testimony and exhibits (reserving

the right to object to any cross exhibits) and agreed to proceed on a paper record according to the following revised procedural schedule:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Original Date</u>	<u>Revised Date</u>
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Exhibit Lists	<del>April 3, 2020</del>	March 31, 2020
<del>Evidentiary Hearing</del>	<del>April 9, 2020</del>	
Simultaneous Briefs		April 30, 2020

Due to the parties agreement and the uncertain timeline of the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Commission finds good cause to revise the procedural schedule as proposed by the parties. After the parties have filed any cross exhibits (and allowing for objections to any of those exhibits), the Commission will admit the prefiled testimony and exhibits into evidence and decide this matter on a paper record.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is revised as detailed above.**

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the evidentiary hearing in this matter is canceled.**

*/s/ Gregory J. Kopta*  
GREGORY J. KOPTA  
Administrative Law Judge