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Your current private line services are provided by three telephone companies – Qwest Corporation (Qwest®), Whidbey Telephone Company, *dba* Whidbey Telecom (Whidbey Telecom) and a CenturyTel company (CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., or CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc., or CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.).

Today you receive two bills for these services: Qwest provides you one bill for the portions of the service provided by itself and CenturyTel, based on Qwest private line rates. You also receive a second bill from Whidbey Telecom, for the portion of the service it provides. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest is the designated carrier for private line services that are provided jointly with CenturyTel in Washington.

On May 2, 2006, Qwest petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services in portions of Washington effective August 1, 2006. The Petition will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on May 31, 2006.

If the petition is granted, you will begin receiving three bills rather than two: Whidbey Telecom's billing will remain unchanged and the company will continue to bill you for its portion of your private line service; Qwest will bill you for its portion of your private line service; and CenturyTel will bill you for its portion of your private line service.

The attached rate sheet provides a comparison of old rates to new rates for the portion of the circuit provided by CenturyTel. The new rates shown on the rate sheet are included in a tariff that CenturyTel filed with the Commission for approval on May 2, 2006, with a proposed effective date of August 1, 2006. The WUTC sets the final rates, which may be higher or lower than those proposed by CenturyTel. You can view Qwest Washington intrastate private line rates at: [http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc\\_wa\\_pl\\_t.htm](http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.htm).

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If you have questions about how your bill will be affected specifically by the proposed change, please call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 or a CenturyTel representative at 1 866-689-2313. You may also call your assigned Qwest or CenturyTel account representative.

If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, e-mail the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at:

Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Qwest, CenturyTel and Whidbey Telecom are proud to be your private line telecommunications providers, and we look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Marketing



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**CenturyTel (CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc., and CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.).  
Monthly Recurring Rates - Selected Rate Elements**

<u>Private Line Access Service Rate Element</u>	<u>Current Rate Billed by Qwest for CenturyTel's portion of customer circuit</u>	<u>Proposed Rates which will be billed by CenturyTel for CenturyTel's portion of customer circuit</u>
<b><u>Voice Grade</u></b>		
Channel Termination (per termination)		
– 2 Wire	\$16.50	\$18.15
– 4 Wire	\$33.00	\$36.30
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)		
Over 0 to 8	\$0.80	\$1.10
Over 8 to 25	\$0.90	\$1.10
Over 25 to 50	\$1.00	\$1.10
Over 50	\$1.10	\$1.10
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)		
Over 0 to 8	\$20.25	\$22.33
Over 8 to 25	\$20.30	\$22.33
Over 25 to 50	\$20.30	\$22.33
Over 50	\$20.50	\$22.33
Voice Bridging		
– 2 Wire	\$5.00	\$5.50
– 4 Wire	\$5.00	\$5.50
Data Bridging	\$10.00	\$11.00
Conditioning		
– C 1	\$1.50	\$1.65
– DA	\$0.50	\$0.55
<b><u>Digital Data (56.0/64.0 Kbps) DS0</u></b>		
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$95.00	\$104.50
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)		
Over 0 to 8	\$0.45	\$0.50
Over 8 to 25	\$0.45	\$0.50
Over 25 to 50	\$0.45	\$0.50
Over 50	\$0.45	\$0.50
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)		
Over 0 to 8	\$45.00	\$49.50
Over 8 to 25	\$45.00	\$49.50
Over 25 to 50	\$45.00	\$49.50
Over 50	\$45.00	\$49.50
<b><u>High Capacity (1.544 Mbps) DS1</u></b>		
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$150.00	\$165.00
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)		
Over 0 to 8	\$2.04	\$2.92
Over 8 to 25	\$2.86	\$2.92
Over 25 to 50	\$2.65	\$2.92
Over 50	\$2.86	\$2.92
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)		
Over 0 to 8	\$73.86	\$82.29
Over 8 to 25	\$74.22	\$82.29
Over 25 to 50	\$74.81	\$82.29
Over 50	\$77.43	\$82.29
<b><u>High Capacity (44.736 Mbps) DS3</u></b>		
Channel Termination (per termination)	\$1,282.50	\$1,410.75
Channel Mileage Facility (per mile)		
Over 0 to 8	\$51.26	\$56.22
Over 8 to 25	\$35.15	\$56.22
Over 25 to 50	\$51.11	\$56.22
Over 50	\$57.92	\$56.22
Channel Mileage Termination (per termination)		
Over 0 to 8	\$590.90	\$658.35
Over 8 to 25	\$593.75	\$658.35
Over 25 to 50	\$598.50	\$658.35
Over 50	\$619.40	\$658.35