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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: *Joint Application of Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc.
for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control*
Docket UT-100820

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to the Notice of Opportunity to Respond to Joint Motion to Revise Briefing Schedule issued December 29, 2010, Staff makes the following response. Staff takes no position on the Motion, and does not object to a stipulated resolution of this issue by other parties, but wishes to preserve its own right to request a change in the briefing schedule once briefing issues are announced at close of hearing.

Sincerely,

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cc: Parties