[Service date March 28, 2014]

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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) NOTICE OF PREHEARING
) CONFERENCE
) (Set for April 23, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.)
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- On March 19, 2014, Commission Staff filed a complaint against Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC and Qwest Communications Company LLC d/b/a CenturyLink QCC (CenturyLink). The complaint alleges that CenturyLink has committed 2,644,014 violations of statute and rules enforced by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) related to improper billing practices. The complaint is available for inspection at the Commission's office located at Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission's web site at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/121986</u>.
- 2 On March 25, CenturyLink filed a letter with the Commission indicating that it will not file an answer to the complaint and requesting that the matter be set for a prehearing conference.
- 3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**: The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80 and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service within the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.12 relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.04.110. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-07 and WAC 480-120.

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4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

5 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on April 23, 2014, in Room 139, First Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

- ⁶ The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.
- 7 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.
- 8 THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.
- 9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

Complainant:	Washington Utilities and Transportation
	Commission
	1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
	P.O. Box 47250
	Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Representative:	Michael A. Fassio Assistant Attorney General 1400 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 40128 Olympia, WA 98504-0128 (360) 664-1192 <u>mfassio@utc.wa.gov</u>
Respondent:	CenturyLink Companies 1600 7th Avenue, Room 1506 Seattle, WA 98191
Representative:	Lisa A. Anderl Senior Associate General Counsel 1600 7 th Avenue, Room 1506 Seattle, WA 98191 (206) 345-1574 <u>Lisa.anderl@centurylink.com</u>

- 10 Administrative Law Judge Adam E. Torem, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective March 28, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary

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Inquiries may be addressed to:

Executive Director and Secretary Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission Richard Hemstad Building 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 (360) 664-1160

<u>NOTICE</u>

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Hearing Date:	Hearing Location:		
Primary Language:			
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Visual	Tactile		
Other type of assistance needed:			
English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:			
Name:Address:			

Phone No.: (____)_____