

**Exh. SP-25
Docket UT-171082
Witness: Susie Paul**

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,**

Complainant,

v.

**QWEST CORPORATION D/B/A
CENTURYLINK QC,**

Respondent.

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**EXHIBIT TO
REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF**

Susie Paul

**STAFF OF
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TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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3 In the Matter of the Petition of)
4 THE CENTURYLINK COMPANIES -)
5 QWEST CORPORATION;)
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8 CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE; AND)
9 UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE)
 NORTHWEST)
 To be Regulated Under an)
 Alternative Form of Regulation)
 Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135)
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1 at 13.50 in the urban areas. If we want to raise those
2 rates, we have to raise them uniformly.

3 And what that allows for is the competitive
4 pressures, that the stronger competitive pressures in the
5 urban areas keep rates low throughout the entire state.

6 So I believe also in the Frontier order there
7 was a similar commitment not to geographically de-average.
8 And that does protect, it seems to me, your rural areas from
9 that type of de-averaging approach.

10 COMMISSIONER JONES: And then there's no
11 effect of any of this on carrier of last resort obligations,
12 is there?

13 MR. REYNOLDS: No, there is not.

14 COMMISSIONER GOLTZ: Thank you.

15 So Mr. Reynolds, and maybe others can chime
16 in as well, looking at first of all, the first provision in
17 the AFOR plan, it says that CenturyLink will be treated as
18 if it were competitively classified subject to certain
19 exceptions and then the exceptions are listed, numbered 1
20 through 11.

21 So am I to conclude that de facto you're
22 competitively classified with eleven stated exceptions?

23 MR. REYNOLDS: That's correct.

24 COMMISSIONER GOLTZ: So one of the areas --
25 that may clarify my next question. As I understand the