May 31, 2013

NOTICE OF AMENDED PROTECTIVE ORDER WITH "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" PROVISIONS

Re: In the Matter of the Petition of CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest to be Regulated Under an Alternative form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135, Docket UT-130477

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 1, 2013, the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation; CenturyTel of Washington; CenturyTel of Inter Island; CenturyTel of Cowiche; and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (Collectively referred to as CenturyLink) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition to be regulated under an alternative form of regulation pursuant to RCW 80.36.135.

On May 6, 2013, the Commission entered Order 02 - Protective Order in this docket to protect the confidentiality of proprietary information.

On May 29, 2013, CenturyLink filed a Motion For Highly Confidential Protective Order (Motion). CenturyLink states that certain documents requested in this matter are similar or identical to information that has previously been identified and protected as Highly Confidential in other proceedings. CenturyLink further states that the parties have no objection to the Motion. The Commission grants the request and attaches an amended protective order with highly confidential provisions. Parties who have previously signed and filed Exhibit A (Attorney Agreement) or Exhibit B (Expert Agreement), do not need to refile those specific agreements again with the Commission.

GREGORY J. KOPTA Administrative Law Judge