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November 6, 2019

NOTICE AUTHORIZING RESPONSES TO MOTION

and

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Qwest Corporation, d/b/a CenturyLink QC*, Docket UT-190262 (consolidated);
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Docket UT-190263 (consolidated);
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Docket UT-190264 (consolidated);
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, Docket UT-190265 (consolidated);
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink, Docket UT-190266 (consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 8, 2019, the CenturyLink companies¹ filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to their currently effective tariffs to discontinue private switch/automatic location identification services, currently described in the Emergency 9-1-1 service sections of the CenturyLink Companies' tariffs.

The Commission consolidated these dockets and suspended operation of the tariffs on April 25, 2019, and convened a prehearing conference at Olympia, Washington on May 13, 2019. The parties agreed on a preliminary procedural schedule at the prehearing conference that included a status conference that was later scheduled for July 30, 2019.

¹ Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC, CenturyTel of Cowiche d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (collectively, "CenturyLink Companies" or "Companies").

On July 30, 2019, the Commission convened a status conference during which all of the parties to the proceeding presented a joint proposed procedural schedule for the resolution of the consolidated dockets. The Commission adopted the parties' proposed modifications to the procedural schedule.

On November 5, 2019, the Companies filed a motion to withdraw their respective tariff filings and dismiss the proceedings (Motion), stating that the Companies had no current intention to cease providing the services at issue.

Also on November 5, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) requested, via email to the presiding administrative law judge, authorization under WAC 480-07-380(3)(b) to file a response to the Motion.

The Commission grants Staff's request and authorizes any party to the consolidated proceedings to file a response to the Motion. Parties desiring to do so must file their responses to the Motion by 5 p.m. on November 18, 2019. Pending further action by the Commission on the Motion, the Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission suspends the procedural schedule in these dockets.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That any party wanting to file a response to the Companies' Motion must do so by 5 p.m. on November 18, 2019.

/s/ Nelli Doroshkin
NELLI DOROSHKIN
Administrative Law Judge