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March 13, 2023

NOTICE CANCELING EVIDENTIARY HEARING

(Set for March 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.)

and

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR OBJECTIONS TO
CROSS-EXAMINATION EXHIBITS**

(Set for March 24, 2023)

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group; Qwest Corporation; CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.; CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc.; CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.; United Telephone Company of the Northwest,*
Docket UT-210902

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 6, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Complaint and Notice of Prehearing Conference (Complaint) concerning CenturyLink Communications, LLC d/b/a Lumen Technologies Group, Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc., CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc., and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (collectively Lumen or Company). The Complaint alleges violations of WAC 480-120-172(3)(a) governing involuntary discontinuance of telecommunications service.

On May 24, 2022, the Commission entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order (Order 01), adopting a procedural schedule and setting an evidentiary hearing in this matter for March 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

On July 29, 2022, the Commission entered Order 03, Initial Order Granting Staff Motion for Partial Summary Determination; Denying Lumen Cross-Motion for Summary Determination; Denying Motion to Strike; Declining to Expand Scope of Proceeding or Issue Advisory Opinion on Jurisdiction (Order 03). Order 03 resolved the issue of Lumen's liability, leaving only the issue of penalty determination for hearing.

On March 9, 2023, Commission staff (Staff) and Lumen (collectively, Moving Parties) filed a Motion to Proceed on a Paper Record and Vacate Evidentiary Hearing (Motion). In the Motion, the Moving Parties state that the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) does not oppose the Motion. The Moving Parties request that the Commission cancel the evidentiary hearing, leave the remaining deadlines in place, and establish deadlines for parties to object to cross-examination exhibits and for ruling on any such objections.

Only one issue remains to be determined, and the parties agree that that issue can be resolved without a hearing. The Commission therefore finds good cause to cancel the evidentiary hearing set for March 24, 2023, and decide this matter on a paper record. The balance of the procedural schedule remains in place, including the deadline to file any proposed cross-examination exhibits by March 17, 2023. Should a party wish to object to any proposed cross-examination exhibits, such objections must be filed no later than **5 p.m., March 24, 2023**. The Commission will rule on any such objections by March 29, 2023. The remaining procedural schedule is attached hereto as Appendix A.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission cancels the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding set for March 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. and determines that this matter will be decided on a paper record.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the deadline to file objections to cross-examination exhibits is 5 p.m., March 24, 2023.

/s/ Gregory J. Kopta
GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
DOCKET UT-210902

EVENT	DATE
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Exhibit Lists	March 17, 2023
Objections to Cross-Examination Exhibits	March 24, 2023
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Opening Briefs	April 21, 2023
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	May 12, 2023