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David S. Danner  
Secretary and Executive Director  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
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By Overnight Delivery (FedEx)

Re: Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and  
CenturyTel, Inc., for Approval of Transfer of  
Control of United Telephone Company of the  
Northwest d/b/a Embarq and Embarq  
Communications, Inc., Docket No. UT-082119

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and twelve (12) copies of the Motion to Withdraw of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 89, in the above-referenced proceeding.

Electronic copies were filed with the WUTC Records Department on this date.

Sincerely,

  
Scott J. Rubin

Enclosure

cc: per Certificate of Service  
Dennis J. Moss, ALJ

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and	:	
CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Control of	:	
United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a	:	DOCKET NO. UT-082119
Embarq and Embarq Communications, Inc.	:	

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**MOTION TO WITHDRAW OF INTERNATIONAL  
BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 89,**

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Pursuant to WAC § 480-07-380(3), International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 89 (“IBEW”), hereby moves to withdraw its intervention in this proceeding. In support of this Petition, IBEW states as follows:

1. IBEW petitioned to intervene in this proceeding on December 16, 2008, so that it could represent the interests of its members who are employees and customers of the Applicants.
2. Administrative Law Judge Moss granted IBEW’s petition to intervene by order dated January 6, 2009.
3. In its Petition to Intervene, IBEW stated that it had not yet developed a position on the proposed transaction, but that it was concerned about the financial ability of CenturyTel to undertake this transaction, among other matters.
4. Since December when IBEW petitioned to intervene, it has received substantially more information about the proposed transaction. In addition, as part of the normal labor relations process, IBEW has engaged in discussions and negotiations with Embarq and CenturyTel on a nationwide basis.

5. As a result of this process, IBEW has determined that it is no longer necessary to participate in this proceeding in order to represent the interests of its members who are employed by the Applicants.

6. IBEW does not intend to file direct testimony on March 4, 2009, or to otherwise further participate in this matter.

WHEREFORE, IBEW respectfully requests the right to withdraw its intervention in this proceeding and to terminate any further activity therein.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: February 26, 2009

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and electronic mail.

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