

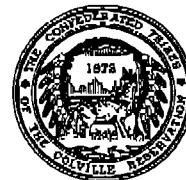


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Jeff Goltz, Chairman
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: ***In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. Docket UT-100820***

Dear Chairman Goltz:

On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, I wish to express my thanks to you and the Commission for allowing representatives of the Colville Tribes to participate in the public hearing on the above-referenced matter on January 5, 2010. The Colville Tribes greatly appreciates the opportunity to communicate its concerns with the proposed merger and hopes that the information it presented will assist the Commission in its decision-making. Enclosed are the Colville Tribes' written comments, which were transmitted to the Commission on January 4, 2010.

Since the public hearing concluded, the Colville Tribes has been in contact with CenturyLink officials and expects to begin discussions with CenturyLink this week in an effort to secure an agreement that we hope will address all of the Tribes' concerns with the proposed merger.

Again, the Colville Tribes appreciates the Commission's interest in these matters. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this letter or the status of the Tribes' discussions.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Finley

cc: Patrick Oshie, Commissioner
Philip B. Jones, Commissioner
Dave Danner, Executive Director/Secretary

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