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# Subject: **DoD/FEA’s Post-Hearing Brief on Commission-Identified Issues**

In Re: **Docket No. UT-100820** – Joint Application of Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp.

To The Honorable Commission Executive Director and Secretary:

By Order No. 13, January 7, 2011, in the above-referenced proceeding the Commission identified four briefing issues to be filed on January 14, 2011. Those Commission-identified issues generally related to the Joint Applicants-Staff/Public Counsel Settlement, Washington statutes and Commission policy precedent. In the interest of not burdening the record on these issues, rather than filing a separate post-hearing brief the United States Department of Defense and All Other Federal Executive Agencies (collectively referred to as “DoD/FEA”) elects to defer to the Staff and Public Counsel at this time.

In accordance with the Commission’s Rules, a Certificate of Service is appended. Copies of this filing are being sent to all parties of record in accord with the Certificate of Service. Inquiries to this office regarding this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 696-1643.

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