## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC. AND CENTURYTEL, INC.

For Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp. DOCKET NO. UT-100820

OFFER OF PUBLIC COMMENT EXHIBIT NO. B-6

- Public Counsel hereby offers this Public Comment Exhibit No. B-6 for admission into the record of the proceeding.
- 2. <u>Public Comment Exhibit No. B-6.</u> The exhibit consists of letters, e-mails, and other written materials submitted by the public to provide comment on the proposed merger between Qwest and CenturyLink. These letters and materials were submitted to the Commission and to the office of Public Counsel, and are submitted in electronic form on the attached CD. The CD also includes Exhibit No. B-8.
  - Attachment A on the enclosed CD provides all comments submitted to the Commission.

    Commission Consumer Protection and Communications Staff entered a record of all comments into a database. The full text of public comments that were received via e-mail and internet were

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entered into the database. For comments received in hard copy form via U.S. mail, the database includes a record and a pdf copy of the comment.

4. Attachment B on the enclosed CD contains comments received by Public Counsel as well as a copy of a handout distributed at the January 5, 2011 Public Comment Hearing by Mr.
Malcolm Fey (in his oral comments to the Commission, Mr. Fey opposed the proposed merger).

5. The submitted material has been counted as follows:

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- Comments received by WUTC

  Opposing the proposed merger 45

  Supporting the proposed merger 7

  Undecided comments 35

  Comments received by Public Counsel

  Opposing the proposed merger 5

  Supporting the proposed merger 0
- 6. Public Counsel submits a total of ninety five (95) public comments in the exhibit. Of these, fifty (50) oppose the proposed merger and seven (7) support the proposed merger. Thirty eight (38) neither oppose nor support the proposed merger.
- 7. DATED this 19th day of January, 2011.

**Undecided Comments** 

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