

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	DOCKET UT-100820
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QWEST COMMUNICATIONS	)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. AND	)	ORDER 03
CENTURYTEL, INC.	)	
	)	ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO
For Approval of Indirect Transfer of	)	WITHDRAW INTERVENTION
Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest	)	
Communications Company LLC, and	)	
Qwest LD Corp.	)	
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.....	)	

**MEMORANDUM**

- 1 **PROCEEDING:** On May 13, 2010, Qwest Communications International Inc. (QCII) and CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyLink) filed a joint application for expedited approval with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the indirect transfer of control of QCII’s operating subsidiaries, Qwest Corporation (Qwest Corp.), Qwest LD Corp. (QLDC) and Qwest Communications Company LLC (QCC) (collectively “Qwest”) to CenturyLink.
  
- 2 On May 26, 2010, Comcast filed a Petition to Intervene (Petition) with the Commission requesting intervention status. Comcast stated that it has a substantial interest in the proceeding since its “interconnection with Qwest is vital to Comcast’s ability to provide service to customers in Qwest’s service territory.”<sup>1</sup> At the June 1, 2010, prehearing conference, Comcast orally requested leave to withdraw its petition. The Commission subsequently indicated to Comcast that the appropriate procedure would be to request leave to withdraw the petition in a written motion.

<sup>1</sup> Comcast’s Petition, ¶ 4.

- 3 Comcast filed its Motion to Withdraw Petition to Intervene (Comcast's Motion) on June 2, 2010. Comcast asserted that it "ultimately decided not to participate."<sup>2</sup> The Commission issued a bench request (Bench Request No. 2) to Comcast on June 9, 2010, requesting whether Comcast had entered into an agreement with Qwest and CenturyLink regarding the pending application. On June 11, 2010, Comcast filed its response to Bench Request No. 2 and confirmed that it is not withdrawing from the case due to such an agreement.<sup>3</sup>
- 4 Comcast has demonstrated good cause to support its request for leave to withdraw and it should be granted.

**ORDER**

- 5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS that Comcast Phone of Washington, LLC, is authorized to withdraw its petition for intervention in the proceeding and is not deemed a party to this proceeding.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 15, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>2</sup> Comcast's Motion, ¶ 2.

<sup>3</sup> Comcast Response to Bench Request No. 2 at 2.