



Dear Foreign Exchange Service Customer,

Your current Foreign Exchange (FX) service between the Cathlamet and Grays River exchanges is jointly provided by three telephone companies — CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. (“CenturyTel”), Qwest Corporation (“Qwest”) and Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company d/b/a Wahkiakum West Telephone (“Wahkiakum West”). Today you receive two bills for this service — one from Qwest and one from CenturyTel. CenturyTel’s bill includes the portion of the service it provides, while Qwest has billed for other portions of the service, including the entire interexchange circuit transport used to provide the service, with the charges for such transport being based on Qwest’s private line rates. This is part of an historical arrangement where Qwest has been the “designated carrier” for private line services (including portions of some FX services) with some Independent telephone companies in Washington.

This letter is to inform you that Qwest has petitioned the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) to be relieved of its obligation to be the designated carrier for private line services (including those FX service portions that have been included in the historical arrangement) in parts of Washington. Qwest believes that a designated carrier is not appropriate in today’s competitive environment. Qwest’s Petition in Capital Docket No. UT-051727 will come before the WUTC at its regularly scheduled open meeting on December 14, 2005.

If Qwest’s Petition is granted by the WUTC, Qwest will bill you its rates for Qwest’s portion of your FX service, CenturyTel will bill you its rates for its portion of that service, and Wahkiakum West will bill you its rates for Wahkiakum West’s portion of that service. Subject to the any tariff changes that may be necessary to accommodate this transition becoming effective, the following table sets forth the monthly recurring charges that are expected to be billed to you by Qwest and Wahkiakum West for each FX service between CenturyTel’s Cathlamet exchange and Wahkiakum West’s Grays River exchange after the transition occurs:

	<u>Recurring Charges Per Month</u>
Qwest <sup>1</sup>	\$ 40.00
Wahkiakum West <sup>2</sup>	\$ 89.21

CenturyTel’s monthly charges for its portion of the FX service are not expected to change. Applicable charges, if any, for toll calls billed by Qwest or Wahkiakum West, additional features and services (such as custom calling features and additional directory listings), as well as all applicable taxes and surcharges, will apply in addition to the amounts listed above.

<sup>1</sup> Qwest’s charges will be based upon application of its Washington intrastate private line rates, which are available for viewing at [http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc\\_wa\\_pl\\_t.txt](http://tariffs.qwest.com:8000/idc/groups/public/documents/tariff/htmltoc_wa_pl_t.txt)

<sup>2</sup> Wahkiakum West’s charges will be from its Tariff WN U-4, as revised., including other tariffs to which that tariff refers.

If Qwest's Petition is granted by the WUTC on December 14, 2005, Qwest and Wahkiakum will begin billing you as outlined above effective January 1, 2006. It is expected that CenturyTel will continue to bill you for its charges. This filing may result in an increase in the total amount you pay for the FX service. If you have questions about how your bill will be affected by the proposed change, you can call a Qwest billing representative at 1 877-262-6596 and/or a Wahkiakum West representative at 1 800-797-4327. You may also call your assigned Qwest account representative. If you have questions regarding CenturyTel's rates, you should call your assigned CenturyTel account representative.

Qwest and Wahkiakum look forward to continuing to serve you in the future and are pleased to participate in providing your FX service. If you have questions about this petition process, would like to comment on the petition, or would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list for notification of the Commission's decision in this matter, you may call the Commission toll-free at 1 800-562-6150, email the Commission at [comments@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@wutc.wa.gov), or write the Commission at the following address:

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Sincerely,

Qwest and Wahkiakum West Telephone