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*Via E-mail and
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Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UT-100820 – Request for Postponement of Second Escrow Payment

Dear Mr. Danner:

CenturyLink hereby respectfully requests that the Commission postpone or extend the date for the second escrow payment required under Order 14 in this docket. Pursuant to ¶ 248 of that order, CenturyLink is required to pay \$25 million into the escrow account on both the first and the second anniversaries of the closing of the transaction.

The reason for the extension is that CenturyLink will soon be filing a petition requesting disbursement of the first \$30 million escrow payment, and a request to stay or discontinue future escrow payments, based on CenturyLink's expenditures and compliance to date.

If the Commission is able to consider that request in the near future, and decides to grant the request, it would be essentially unnecessary for CenturyLink to make the required April 1, 2012 payment.

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Thus, CenturyLink commits to making the referenced filing no later than March 30, 2012, and asks the Commission to extend the escrow deposit date for at least 30 days, or until the petition for disbursement and discontinuance of the escrow requirement is decided.

The electronic copy is being provided by email.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Anderl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "A".

Lisa A. Anderl

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cc: Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski
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