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March 28, 2012

Michael O. Finley
Business Council Chairman
The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Post Office Box 150
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Re: CenturyLink (Docket UT-100820)

Dear Chairman Finley:

Thank you for the various letters we received electronically on Friday, March 16, 2012, from you and other representatives of The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, as well as Native Link, in which you and others raised concerns about CenturyLink (copies enclosed).

Because some of the communications may relate to the obligations we imposed on CenturyLink in Docket UT-100820 (specifically in paragraphs 263-265 of our Final Order), it is appropriate, under Washington statutes requiring notice of *ex parte* communications, to share the letters with CenturyLink and the other parties to that proceeding and ask CenturyLink for a response.

Accordingly, we request that CenturyLink respond to the concerns by letter to the Commission by April 12, 2012. Upon receipt of CenturyLink's response, we will consider further process or meetings, either in Docket UT-100820, in a new formal proceeding, or in a less formal manner.

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In the meantime, I would be pleased to meet with you and other representatives of the Colville Tribes, either before or after the receipt of further information from CenturyLink—or both. The topics could include those raised in the letters, but also possible assistance to the Colville Reservation from the newly-established Connect America Fund created by the Federal Communications Commission. We assume that CenturyLink would have no objection to such a meeting or meetings. Please contact Nancy Moen at (360) 664-1172 or nmoen@utc.wa.gov regarding scheduling.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Goltz
Chairman

Enclosures

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Enclosures