

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	DOCKET UT-111150
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CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC., D/B/A CENTURYLINK,)	ORDER 01
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For Order Approving an Agreement for Transfer of land and building located at 26166 United Road NE, Kingston, Washington; to A NON-AFFILIATED BUYER in an arm's-length transaction.)	ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On June 23, 2011, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) an application seeking approval under RCW 80.12 of an agreement for the transfer of land and building located at 26166 United Road NE, Kingston, Washington; from CenturyLink to a non-affiliated buyer in an arm's-length transaction.
- 2 The property being disposed of is no longer necessary or useful to CenturyLink in its provision of services to the public.
- 3 Staff has reviewed the proposed transaction and has found it to be consistent with the public interest.
- 4 Staff recommends that the Commission approve the property transfer agreement.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 5 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including telecommunications

companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.36.*

- 6 (2) CenturyLink, a Washington state corporation, is a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 7 (3) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 14, 2011.
- 8 (4) After reviewing the petition CenturyLink filed in Docket UT-111150 on June 23, 2011, and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds the application is consistent with the public interest and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink's request for approval of an agreement for the transfer of land and building located at 26166 United Road NE, Kingston, Washington; is granted as described in the application.
- 10 (2) This Order shall not affect the Commission's authority over rates, services, accounts, valuations, estimates, or determination of costs, on any matters that may come before it. Nor shall this Order granting Petition be construed as an agreement to any estimate or determination of costs, or any valuation of property claimed or asserted.
- 11 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 14, 2011.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary