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David Danner
Executive Directory and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC. AND CENTURYTEL, INC.
For Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest
Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp.
Docket No. UT-100820

Dear Mr. Danner:

This letter acknowledges receipt of Commission Staff's motion for an extension of time to respond to the CenturyLink Petition for Release of Funds and Elimination of Escrow Requirement. Public Counsel does not require an extension and will be filing its response to the CenturyLink petition later today.

Public Counsel does not believe an extension is necessary. Additionally, a lengthy extension may not be beneficial to the discussions that are taking place between Commission Staff, Public Counsel and CenturyLink. Public Counsel would recommend that if any extension is allowed, it should be short, not to go beyond April 20, 2012. Additionally, Public Counsel reserves its right to file additional responsive materials if an extension is allowed.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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