BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

EMBARQ CORPORATION AND CENTURYTEL, INC.

For Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq and Embarq Communications, Inc. DOCKET UT-082119

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE ON BEHALF OF THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF

- 1 TO: DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; and
- 2 TO: PARTIES OF RECORD:
- 3 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE UNDERSIGNED hereby enter their appearance as

counsel for the Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission in the

above-entitled matter, specifically reserving all rights including those relating to jurisdiction,

and request that all further motions, notices, pleadings, and other papers in this proceeding

be served upon them at the following address:

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