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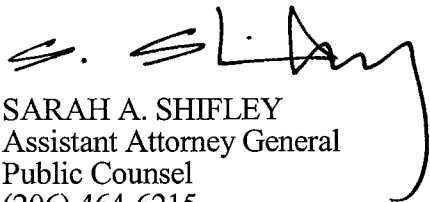
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. For Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest d.b.a Embarq and Embarq Communications.
Docket No. UT-082119
Public Counsel's Response to WUTC Bench Request No. 1

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed please find the original and 6 copies of Public Counsel's Response to WUTC Bench Request No. 1 in the above-referenced docket. Attachment A to CenturyTel and Embarq's Supplemental Response to Public Counsel Data Request No. 113 are in sealed envelopes.

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DATED: March 10, 2009.



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