

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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.

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COMMISSION STAFF'S MOTION
FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF
TIME TO RESPOND TO
CENTURYLINK'S PETITION TO
RELEASE ESCROWED FUNDS
AND ELIMINATE FUTURE
ESCROW PAYMENTS

1 On April 17, 2012, the Commission granted Staff's request to extend the deadline until May 7, 2012, to respond to CenturyLink's Petition for Release of Funds from Broadband Escrow Account and Elimination of Requirements for Future Escrow Payments (Escrow Petition). Staff had anticipated completing its analysis of the broadband investment projects supporting CenturyLink's reimbursement request by May 7. In its April 17th request for extension, Staff recognized that this was a compressed time period. It has become clear since then, that, with the resources Staff is able to devote to this matter, the process will require more time than Staff initially anticipated. Accordingly, Staff requests an extension of time until July 13, 2012, to complete its review and file a response to CenturyLink's petition.

2 To address potential prejudice to CenturyLink from the extension of time, Staff proposes also extending CenturyLink's deadline for payment of the next escrow installment, or staying the requirement, until Staff has completed its review and the Commission has

issued an order on CenturyLink's petition. Staff has consulted with CenturyLink and with Public Counsel, and they do not object to this motion.

DATED this 4th day of May, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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