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May 9, 2017

NOTICE OF DEADLINE TO RESPOND

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink*, Docket UT-132234

TO ALL PARTIES:

On November 5, 2014, the regulatory staff (Staff) of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a complaint against CenturyTel of Inter Island, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) in Docket UT-132234. The complaint alleged that CenturyLink committed 15,935 violations of WAC 480-120-412, the Commission rule related to Major outages. Staff, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Office of Attorney General (Public Counsel), and CenturyLink filed a settlement agreement on June 2, 2015, and a revised settlement agreement (Settlement) including Joint Testimony in Support of the Settlement Agreement on June 26, 2015.

On October 20, 2015, the Commission entered Order 03, Final Order Accepting and Adopting Settlement Agreement with Conditions (Order 03) which, among other things assessed a \$173,210 penalty, \$123,210 of which was suspended for one year following the Commission's approval of CenturyLink's Emergency Communications Plans. If, during that year, the Commission did not find CenturyLink to violate either WAC 480-120-412 or the details of the emergency communications plan, the \$123,210 would be waived. Conversely, if the Commission found that the Company violated WAC 480-120-412 or the details of the emergency communications plan during the year following Commission approval of the Emergency Communications Plans, the Commission will impose the remaining \$123,210 penalty.

On May 2, 2016, the Commission entered Order 05, Order Approving San Juan County Outage Communication Plan and Washington State Outage Communication Plan (Order 05).

On May 5, 2017, Staff filed a Motion for Enforcement of Suspended Penalty Due to Violation of Commission Order (Motion). In the Motion, Staff alleges that CenturyLink has violated the conditions of Order 03, and that the \$123,210 suspended portion of the penalty should be imposed.

The Commission finds good cause to establish deadlines for responses to the Motion as follows:

<u>Response</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
CenturyLink and Public Counsel Response	May 22, 2017
Staff Reply	May 30, 2017

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That responses to Staff’s Motion for Enforcement of Suspended Penalty Due to Violation of Commission Order are due as listed above.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge