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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF Regulatory Law Office

January 11, 2013

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Subject:

DoD/FEA's Notice of Association of Counsel, and Confidential and Highly

Confidential Non-Disclosure Agreements

Re:

Joint Application of Owest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyTel,

Inc. for Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control - Docket UT-100820

To The Honorable Commission Executive Director and Secretary:

Please accept this as my, Kyle J. Smith's, Notice of Association of Counsel in the above referenced matter and behalf of the United States Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies (collectively referred to herein as "DoD/FEA").

Additionally, pursuant to the Protective Order (Order No. 01, June 2, 2010) in the abovereferenced proceeding, enclosed for filing are the original and twelve (12) copies of the executed signatory pages of the Confidential and Highly Confidential Protective Order agreements of Kyle J. Smith (Exhibit A - Attorney and Exhibit C), Patrick Phipps (Exhibits B - Expert and Exhibits C), and August H. Ankum (Exhibits B - Expert and Exhibits C) on behalf of DoD/FEA.

In accordance with the Commission's Rules, a Certificate of Service is appended. Copies of this filing are being sent to all parties of record in accord with the Certificate of Service. Inquiries to this office regarding this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 693-1274 or by e-mail at kyle.j.smith124.civ@mail.mil.

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