

July 31, 2007

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Request for Certification Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060 and
47 C.F.R. §54.314, and

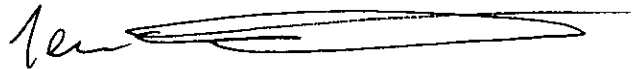
Claim of confidentiality.

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. ("Company") hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds. The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed.

The Company also requests that the attachment entitled "CenturyTel 2007 Planned Investments" be treated as confidential. The schedule contains information that is quite detailed as to type of equipment, location and cost. Therefore, the Company claims that the information on the schedule is confidential under RCW 80.04.095 in that it constitutes valuable commercial information in the form of network configuration and design information.

Sincerely,



Terrance Hinkston
Compliance Analyst
CenturyTel

Enclosures

**REPORT AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-070
AND WAC 480-123-080
CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC.**

CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. (the "Company") hereby submits the following report in accordance with WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080.

WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company's NECA-1 Report for the calendar year 2005, that, as of the date of this report, the Company has submitted to NECA. The plant investment and expense amounts listed on NECA-1 represent the basis for federal high cost funding support associated with the Company's operations in 2006.

WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investment in plant and the expenses reported on the 2006 NECA-1 report submitted herewith provide very direct and substantial benefits to consumers. Over the years the Company has invested millions of dollars in building and then maintaining and operating a telecommunications network in the state of Washington. It is the growth, enhancement and continued viability of this network that gives consumers in the Company's service territory access to services that are vital in meeting their telecommunications needs. The expenditures reflected in the Company's NECA-1 report have allowed the Company to provide services that meet the expectations addressed in 47 U.S.C. 254 for consumers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an ETC.

The expenditures reflected in the Company's NECA-1 were directed to assuring that the network is positioned to meet the ever increasing needs and expectations of consumers. The company's expenditures included projects to increase network capacity.¹ For example, projects that added fiber to the network increased the network's capacity. Consumers benefit from increased capacity in that it allows additional consumers to join or access the network, allows additional services to be offered over the network, and reduces the likelihood that calls will be blocked.

Company expenditures have also gone to maintaining and increasing network reliability. For example, expenditures are included for projects that address backup power via batteries and generators. Ability to access the network during periods of power outages clearly benefits the health and safety of consumers. Network reliability also benefits consumers by generally increasing the overall quality of service.

WAC 480-123-070(4): The Company reports that there were zero complaints during calendar year 2006 to the Federal Communications Commission or to the Consumer

¹ The NECA-1 report does not identify expenditures at the project level. The projects underlying the expenditures on NECA-1 would tend to be very similar to those identified in response to WAC 480-123-080 (1) (b) which does identify certain planned expenditures at the project level.

Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Washington concerning the services provided to its customers.

WAC 480-123-080(1)(b): The Company submits herewith a schedule entitled "2007 Planned Investment."² The schedule is not all-inclusive of the Company's planned capital expenditures but does list some of the more significant projects the Company is undertaking in 2007. The schedule is quite detailed with regard to equipment, location and cost and therefore constitutes valuable commercial information in the form of network configuration and design information as recognized under RCW 80.04.095. Therefore the schedule is being submitted as a CONFIDENTIAL document under WAC 480-07-160. The Company also expects to incur expenses associated with maintaining and operating its network in the state of Washington at a level that will be similar to the expenses indicated on the 2006 NECA-1 form submitted in response to WAC 480-123-070(1)(a).

WAC 480-123-080(2): The Company states that federal support will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended under 47 U.S.C. 254. The federal support will be used to fund operation of and improvements to the network including various projects included on the 2007 Planned Investment schedule as well as expenses at a level similar to that indicated on the 2006 NECA-1 form submitted in response to WAC 480-123-070(1)(a). The Company's use of federal support in this manner will benefit consumers. As discussed previously in this report, these types of expenditures will serve to sustain and improve network capacity and reliability. This network capacity and reliability is essential to providing the level of service anticipated in 47 U.S.C. 254 and therefore benefits consumers.

For more specific consumer benefits associated with planned expenditures, the Company incorporates by reference the column of the 2007 Planned Investment schedule that is entitled "Narrative." The narrative for each project on the schedule identifies specific improvements that will benefit consumers in specific areas.

² The schedule includes projects for CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., CenturyTel of Inter-Island, Inc and CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.

**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

I, Jeffrey Glover, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am Vice President External Relations of CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

(1) That the federal high-cost universal service fund support received by the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(2) That during the 2006 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);

(3) That during the 2006 calendar year, the Company maintained the ability to function in emergency situations under the standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standard relates to functionality of wireline carriers in emergency situations; and

(4) That during the 2006 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service and in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 31st day of July, 2007

Company: CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc.

By: Jeffrey S. Glover

Its: Vice President External Relations

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 31 day of July, 2007 at
Monroe, Louisiana.

Wanita W Jones 65607

APPLIES TO PERIOD: YEAR END 12/2006 REG: 2 SOUTHERN
 CONTACT NAME: Donnie Aultman SST: 2 SUBSET 2
 CONTACT PHONE: (318)-388-9497 EXT: OO: 200000016 CenturyTel, Inc.
 RELEASE STATUS: RELEASED CO: 300000440 CenturyTel, Inc.
 SOFT EDIT STATUS: FAILED EDIT SAR: 522410 CENTURYTEL-COWICHE

DESCRIPTION	PENDING VIEW	MESSAGE
060 TOTAL LOOPS	2,005	
070 CAT. 1.3 LOOPS	1,984	
160 ACCOUNT 2001	7,273,931	
170 ACCOUNT 1220	0	
190 ACCOUNT 3100	5,988,838	
195 ACCOUNT 3400	0	
210 ACCOUNT 4340	-6,823	
220 NET PLANT INVESTMENT	1,291,916	
230 ACCOUNT 2210	2,072,666	
235 ACCOUNT 2220	0	
240 ACCOUNT 2230	784,438	
245 TOTAL CENTRAL OFFICE	2,857,104	
250 CKT EQUIP CAT 4.13	514,279	
255 ACCOUNT 2410	3,764,648	
260 ACCOUNT 3100 (2210)	2,028,881	
265 ACCOUNT 3100 (2220)	0	
270 ACCOUNT 3100 (2230)	601,911	
275 ACCOUNT 3100 (2210-2230)	2,630,792	
280 ACCOUNT 3100 (2410)	2,905,698	
310 ACCOUNT 4340 (2210)	-1,944	Should not be negative
315 ACCOUNT 4340 (2220)	0	
320 ACCOUNT 4340 (2230)	-736	Should not be negative
325 NET NONOCURRENT	-2,680	
330 ACCOUNT 4340 (2410)	-3,531	Should not be negative
335 ACCOUNT 6110 TOTAL	2,716	
340 ACCOUNT 6110 BENEFITS	357	
345 ACCOUNT 6110 RENTS	11	
350 ACCOUNT 6120 TOTAL	42,777	
355 ACCOUNT 6120 BENEFITS	2,494	
360 ACCOUNT 6120 RENTS	2,599	
365 ACCOUNT 6210 TOTAL	148,369	
370 ACCOUNT 6210 BENEFITS	25,537	
375 ACCOUNT 6210 RENTS	198	
380 ACCOUNT 6220 TOTAL	0	
385 ACCOUNT 6220 BENEFITS	0	
390 ACCOUNT 6220 RENTS	0	
395 ACCOUNT 6230 TOTAL	30,872	
400 ACCOUNT 6230 BENEFITS	45	
405 ACCOUNT 6230 RENTS	4,381	
410 ACCOUNT 6210-6230	179,241	
430 ACCOUNT 6410 TOTAL	110,303	
435 ACCOUNT 6410 BENEFITS	18,422	
440 ACCOUNT 6410 RENTS	39,936	
445 TOTAL PLANT SPECIFIC	335,037	
450 ACCOUNT 6530 TOTAL	77,855	
455 ACCOUNT 6530 BENEFITS	12,324	
510 ACCOUNT 6560 (2210)	4,596	
515 ACCOUNT 6560 (2220)	0	
520 ACCOUNT 6560 (2230)	17,040	
525 ACCOUNT 6560 (2210-2230)	21,636	
530 ACCOUNT 6560 (2410)	190,758	

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DESCRIPTION	PENDING VIEW	MESSAGE
535 ACCOUNT 6710 TOTAL	20,586	
540 ACCOUNT 6710 BENEFITS	9,218	
550 ACCOUNT 6720 TOTAL	115,106	
555 ACCOUNT 6720 BENEFITS	17,538	
565 SUM OF LINES 535 + 550	135,692	
600 BEN. POR.OF ALL OP. EXP.	110,339	
610 RENT POR. OF ALL OP. EXP	47,125	
650 ACCOUNT 7200 OTHER TAXES	283,377	
700 2410 (C S TOTAL CWF - AV)	3,731,435	
710 2410 (C S CWF - CAT.1)	3,647,771	
800 ACCOUNT 2680 TOTAL	0	
805 ACCOUNT 2680 (2230)	0	
810 ACCOUNT 2680 (CAT. 4.13)	0	
815 ACC 2680 (2410) TOTAL CWF	0	
820 ACC 2680 (2410)CWF-CAT1	0	
830 ACCOUNT 6560 (2680)	0	
Control Total:	42,089,068	

COMMENTS: