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September 5, 2013

**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS
(By Thursday, September 19, 2013)**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS
(Set for Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
(Set for Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.)**

Re: *In the Matter of the Petition of CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest to be Regulated Under an Alternative form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW 80.36.135, Docket UT-130477*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On May 6, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing in the above-referenced docket establishing a procedural schedule to address the petition filed by the CenturyLink Companies (CenturyLink) to be regulated under an alternative form of regulation (Petition).

On August 22, 2013, CenturyLink, Commission Staff (Staff), and the Public Counsel division of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) filed with the Commission a settlement agreement (Agreement) that would, if accepted, resolve Staff and Public Counsel's concerns with the Petition.

On August 23, 2013, CenturyLink and the U.S. Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies (DoD) filed with the Commission a settlement agreement and stipulation, and narrative in support of its settlement agreement that would, if accepted, resolve DoD's concerns with the Petition.

On August 28, 2013, CenturyLink and Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint) filed with the Commission a settlement agreement, that would, if accepted, resolve Sprint's concerns with the Petition.

On August 30, 2013, Integra Telecom of Washington, Inc. (Integra) submitted prefiled testimony supporting Integra's recommendation that any grant of the Petition should include adoption of the wholesale provisions that CenturyLink included in the Petition and that are encompassed in the settlement agreements.

The settling parties in this proceeding indicate that they will file testimony in support of the Agreements no later than September 19, 2013, and request that the procedural schedule be modified to reflect that filing. The Commission grants that request. The Commission will convene a hearing for purposes of considering Integra's testimony and examining the terms and conditions of the settlements and to determine whether Commission approval of the settlement agreements is consistent with the public interest. The Commission will also hold a public comment hearing to provide members of the public with an opportunity to present oral comments to the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is suspended and cancels the evidentiary hearings scheduled to begin on October 15, 2013. The settling parties must file documentation in support of their respective settlement agreements by Thursday, September 19, 2013.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will conduct a hearing on all three of the parties' proposed settlement agreements and Integra's prefiled testimony on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That a public hearing in this matter will be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing no later than 7:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge