**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Complainant,v.CENTURYTEL OF INTER ISLAND, Inc. D/B/A CENTURYlINK, Respondent. | )))))))))))) | DOCKET UT-132234DECLARATION OFRAYNE PEARSON  |
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 I, RAYNE PEARSON, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, declare as follows:

1. I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, and competent to be a witness.
2. I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) as an administrative law judge in the Administrative Law Section. Prior to July 1, 2014, I was employed in the Consumer Protection and Communications Section for four years and six months. I worked as a compliance investigator for two years and 10 months in that section and then as a consumer protection manager for one year and seven months. During the time I worked in the Consumer Protection and Communications Section, my responsibilities included supervising and conducting investigations regarding the business practices of regulated utility and transportation companies. As part of those duties, I investigated regulated telecommunications companies alleged to be operating in violation of Commission rules or State statutes enforced by the Commission.
3. Following a major telecommunications service outage in November 2013 that affected all CenturyLink telecommunications customers on the San Juan Islands, I participated in a Staff investigation of the outage. The investigation is documented in a report that I co-authored with Robert Williamson of the Regulatory Services Section of the Commission, titled “Investigation Report, CenturyTel of Inter Island d/b/a/ CenturyLink, UT-132234,” dated August 2014 (Investigation Report). A true and correct copy of the Investigation Report is attached to this declaration as Attachment A.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 30th day of October, 2014.

RAYNE PEARSON