Service Date: April 26, 2019

## BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UT-190262 (Consolidated)

Complainant,

v.

QWEST CORPORATION, d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC

Respondent.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

(Consolidated)

**DOCKET UT-190263** 

Complainant,

v.

CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC. d/b/a/ CENTURYLINK,

Respondent.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UT-190264 (Consolidated)

Complainant,

v.

CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC. d/b/a/ CENTURYLINK,

Respondent.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UT-190265 (Consolidated)

Complainant,

v.

CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON, INC. d/b/a/ CENTURYLINK,

Respondent.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UT-190266 (Consolidated)

Complainant,

v.

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST d/b/a/ CENTURYLINK, NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (Set for May 13, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.)

Respondent.

- On April 8, 2019, the above-captioned CenturyLink companies<sup>1</sup> filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to their currently effective tariffs. The primary purpose of the Companies' filings is to discontinue automatic location identification services, currently described in the Emergency 9-1-1 service sections of the Companies' tariffs.
- STATUTORY AUTHORITY: The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate telecommunication companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW and 80.04 RCW, including, but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020, as well as RCW 80.36.555 and RCW 80.36.560. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters 480-120 WAC, relating to telephone companies.
- The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413 and

<sup>1</sup> Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (Qwest), CenturyTel of Cowiche d/b/a CenturyLink (Cowiche), CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyTel of Washington), and United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (United Telephone) (collectively, "CenturyLink" or "the Companies").

RCW 34.05.431. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

- The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.
- THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on May 13, 2019, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.
- The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider petitions for intervention and protection of confidential information, as well as to identify the issues in the proceeding and the timeline and process for addressing them. *See* WAC 480-07-430.
- INTERVENTION: Given concerns raised by interested persons at the Commission's April 25, 2019, open public meeting in regard to the sufficiency of the Companies' customer notices of the tariff changes, the Commission, on its on motion, waives the application of WAC 480-07-355(1) as it relates to the filing deadline for petitions to intervene. Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must either petition for leave to intervene orally at the prehearing conference or file written petitions to intervene by May 28, 2019. See WAC 480-07-355(1). Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the prehearing conference, or simultaneously with the petition to intervene if such petition is filed later than the business day before the prehearing conference. See WAC 480-07-345(c)(v). Any party in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission.
- THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.
- 9 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On behalf of the Companies.

- The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Nelli Doroshkin, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.<sup>3</sup>
- The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 26, 2019.

## WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary

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## NOTICE

Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Mark L. Johnson, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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