

April 14, 2009

VIA E-MAIL & FIRST CLASS MAIL

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

Re: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. For Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest d.b.a Embarq and Embarq Communications*
Docket No. UT-082119

Dear Mr. Danner:

I am writing on behalf of the Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc., UTC Staff, and Public Counsel (the parties) to request suspension of the procedural schedule in this case while the parties finalize a settlement agreement and supporting narrative. Once filed, the parties will request a date for Commission consideration of the settlement. We also understand that the Commission will postpone consideration of the intervening parties' motions to withdraw and consider these motions at the time it considers the settlement agreement.

Sincerely,

SARAH A. SHIFLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Public Counsel Section
(206) 464-6595

SAS:gs

cc: ALJ Dennis Moss (E-mail only)
Service List (E-mail & First Class Mail)