

[Service Date April 27, 2009]

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**NOTICE OF HEARING
(May 19, 2009, 9:30 a.m.)**

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, Inc., Docket UT-082119

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 13, 2009, the parties in this proceeding informally notified the Commission that they had reached a global settlement in principle. The Commission, at the parties' request, suspended the procedural schedule on April 14, 2009, cancelling among other things the hearing previously scheduled to begin on April 15, 2009. The parties filed their Settlement Agreement and Narrative Supporting Settlement Agreement on April 22, 2009.

NOTICE OF HEARING: The Commission, considering its administrative needs and witness availability, will hold a hearing in this matter beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, in Room 206, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

In addition to considering the proposed Settlement Agreement, the principal matter set for hearing in this docket, the Commission, as previously noticed on April 8, 2009, will include in its agenda for hearing discussion concerning what action(s) the Commission should take with respect to the pending requests of Comcast and IBEW for leave to withdraw, the side-agreements upon which those requests are predicated, and whether the Commission should rescind or take other action with respect to Order 03, which granted Level 3 leave to withdraw at a time when the Commission had not been informed of the existence of a side-agreement between Level 3 and the applicants. Participation in the hearing by Comcast, IBEW and Level 3 will be limited to these subjects.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Senior Review Judge