IMPORTANT NOTICE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION OF OWEST COMMUNICATIONS INTERNATIONAL INC.

Qwest Communications International, Inc. (Qwest) and CenturyLink, Inc. (CenturyLink) have asked the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to approve the indirect transfer of control of Qwest and its operating subsidiaries to CenturyLink.

In Washington, Qwest services approximately 1.6 million customer access lines. If the transfer is approved, CenturyLink would provide broadband, local and long distance wireline service to these customers. The companies are not proposing changes to regulated rates or service of those customers affected by this proposal. The transfer is subject to several conditions, including approval by CenturyLink and Owest stockholders and various state and federal regulatory authorities.

Review by the Utilities and Transportation Commission

The transfer of ownership is subject to the approval of the UTC. The UTC has opened a formal case to review evidence about whether the transfer is in the public interest. Issues to be reviewed may include service quality, infrastructure investment, financial and operational soundness, and customers' rates.

The UTC encourages your comments, which are part of the formal record considered by the UTC in making its decision. Customers may comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the UTC's website: www.utc.wa.give/comment, by e-mail at: comment@utc.wa.gov, by telephone at 1-888-333-9882 (toll-free), or in writing at:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Attn: Public Involvement, Docket UT-100820 Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

You may also contact the UTC if you have questions about its approval process. For more information about the transaction and the UTC Review, visit the UTC's website at www.utc.wa.gov and enter the docket number (100820) in the "Docket Lookup" function.

You can comment in person at the following public hearing
January XX, 2011, Dick Hemsted Building
Rm 106, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington XXpm-XXpm

If you're interested in attending the public hearing, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 for more information.

The public is represented in the review process by the Public Counsel Section of the Washington Attorney General's Office. You may contact Public Counsel via email at: utility@atg.wa.gov, or in writing at: 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, WA (98104). For more information about Public Counsel, visit: www.atg.wa.gov/utilities.aspx

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is a leading provider of high-quality broadband, entertainment and voice services over its advanced communications networks to consumers and businesses in 33 states including Washington. CenturyLink, headquartered in Monroe, La., is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information on CenturyLink, visit www.centurylink.com.

Please continue to contact CenturyLink as you normally have. If you have questions about the transaction please call CenturyLink at 1.800.201.4099 for residential customers or 1.800.201.4102 for business customers, or write to: CenturyLink, Inc, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203.