**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

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| WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISION,  Complainant,  v.  QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a CENTURYLINK QC,  Respondent | DOCKET NO. UT-140597  CENTURYLINK’S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL’S MOTION FOR OPPORTUNITY TO FILE CLOSING BRIEF |

1. On December 30, 2015, Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to allow 20-page briefs at the conclusion the hearing in this matter. Staff has responded to that motion, stating that briefs are unnecessary because there is a single simple issue in this case – the amount of the penalty.
2. It is the Commissioners who are best able to determine whether briefs would be helpful in their decision-making process. Thus, CenturyLink recommends discussing this issue after the Commissioners have heard the evidence, at the conclusion the hearings on January 12, 2016

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of January 2016.

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