

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016.

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