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Via Web Portal and Overnight Delivery

Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Request for Extension of Time to Respond

Dear Mr. King:

CenturyLink is in receipt of your December 30, 2016 letter in this matter, containing data requests CP1-CP11 from the Consumer Affairs Division. As requested, a copy of that letter is attached to this request.

We are writing to ask for an extension of time to respond to CP1-CP11. The current deadline is January 17, 2017. The letter was mailed on January 4, 2017, addressed to Mr. Grate. Due to personal illness, Mr. Grate was not in the office until January 11, 2017 and so did not become aware of the requests until then. We conducted a conference call today to review the requests and have determined that we need until January 31, 2017 to respond to them. This is approximately 12 business days from the date of the effective receipt of the requests, and allows us time to gather the responsive information from various sources throughout the company. In the event that responsive material is available for one or more requests prior to the 31st, CenturyLink would provide those responses.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would respectfully request that any future data requests be transmitted via e-mail to both Phil Grate (<u>phil.grate@centurylink.com</u>) and Lisa Anderl (<u>lisa.anderl@centurylink.com</u>) in order to expedite our receipt of them and allow us to begin working on them.

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Anderl

LAA/jga Attachment cc: Susie Paul