

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	DOCKET UT-100820
)	
QWEST COMMUNICATIONS)	
INTERNATIONAL INC. AND)	ORDER 07
CENTURYTEL, INC.)	
)	
For Approval of Indirect Transfer of)	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST OF
Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest)	LEVEL 3 TO RETRACT HIGHLY
Communications Company LLC, and)	CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT OF
Qwest LD Corp.)	GREGORY L. ROGERS
)	
.....)	

- 1 **PROCEEDINGS.** On May 13, 2010, Qwest Communications International, Inc. (QCII) and CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyLink) filed a joint application for expedited approval with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) of the indirect transfer of control of QCII’s operating subsidiaries, Qwest Corporation, Qwest LD Corp., and Qwest Communications Company LLC (collectively Qwest) to CenturyLink.

- 2 **REQUEST TO RETRACT.** On July 9, 2010, Level 3 Communications, LLC (Level 3), filed a request to retract the Highly Confidential Agreement¹ signed by Gregory L. Rogers. Level 3 states that Mr. Rogers is an in-house counsel, and not entitled to highly confidential information under the Protective Order.²

- 3 **COMMISSION DECISION.** Based on the limitations expressed in paragraphs 11 through 21 in the Protective Order, Order 01, we find that Level 3 has demonstrated good cause for the retraction of Mr. Rogers’ highly confidential agreement.

¹ The highly confidential agreement is contained within Exhibit C of the Protective Order, Order 01.

² Level 3’s original filing did not explain why it was seeking to withdraw Mr. Rogers’ signed agreement. After notifying counsel for Level 3 of this deficiency, Level 3 re-filed its cover letter containing this explanation on July 14.

ORDER

4 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS That** the request of Level 3 Communications, LLC, to retract the Highly Confidential Agreement of Gregory L. Rogers is granted.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective July 15, 2010.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: This is an Interlocutory Order of the Commission. Administrative review may be available through a petition for review, filed within 10 days of the service of this Order pursuant to WAC 480-07-810.