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David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corp. and CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Tel. Co. of the NW d/b/a Embarq Communications, Inc. Docket UT-082119

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket are an original and 12 copies of Commission Staff's and Public Counsel's Joint Response to Bench Request No. 3, with Highly Confidential attachment, and Certificate of Service.

Sincerely,

JONATHAN C. THOMPSON Assistant Attorney General

JCT/emd Enclosures cc: Parties