

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

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| In the Matter of the Requested Waiver  | ) |                       |
| of Statutory Notice in Connection with | ) |                       |
| the Tariff Revisions Filed by          | ) | DOCKET UT-011617      |
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| CenturyTel of Washington, Inc.,        | ) | ORDER GRANTING LESS   |
| d/b/a CenturyTel.                      | ) | THAN STATUTORY NOTICE |
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On December 5, 2001, CenturyTel of Washington, Inc., d/b/a CenturyTel  
(CenturyTel) filed with the Commission revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN  
U-5, designated as Third Revised Sheet 71. The purpose of this filing is to revise the  
Lifeline section in order to flow through the full amount of the increased Subscriber  
Line Charge (SLC) waived through Tier 1 Federal Lifeline support.

2 WAC 480-80-070 requires thirty days' notice prior to the effective date of the tariff.  
The tariff sheet bears an inserted effective date of January 5, 2002. This date  
recognizes statutory notice as required. However, the Company requests that  
statutory notice be waived as authorized in WAC 480-80-240, and that the revisions  
become effective January 1, 2002. The reason for the Less Than Statutory Notice  
request is to coordinate the Company's tariff with changes occurring at the federal  
level affecting the Lifeline program.

3 Since the proposed tariff revisions appear to be fair, just, and reasonable, and waiver  
of statutory notice is not inconsistent with the public interest, it is appropriate that the  
Commission grant the waiver CenturyTel requests with an effective date of  
January 1, 2002.

**FINDINGS**

4 (1) After careful examination of the proposed tariff revisions filed by CenturyTel  
on December 5, 2001, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for  
good cause shown, the Commission finds that the proposed tariff revisions  
should become effective January 1, 2002.

- 5 (2) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on December 12, 2001. The Commissioners having determined this order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this order.

**ORDER**

- 6 THE COMMISSION GRANTS the requested waiver of statutory notice in connection with the tariff revisions filed by CenturyTel on December 5, 2001, and the tariff revisions shall become effective on January 1, 2002.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary