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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Washington Utilities and	)	
Transportation Commission,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
vs.	)	DOCKET NO. UT-190209
	)	
QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a	)	
CenturyLink QC,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

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4 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Let's be on the  
5 record in Docket UT-190209, caption Washington Utilities and  
6 Transportation Commission vs. Qwest Corporation d/b/a  
7 CenturyLink QC. We are here this morning for a prehearing  
8 conference on the complaint.

9 And my name is Gregory J. Kopta. I am the  
10 administrative law judge who will be presiding in this  
11 matter.

12 Let's begin by taking appearances, starting  
13 with the company.

14 MS. ANDERL: Thank you, your Honor. Lisa  
15 Anderl, assistant general counsel here on behalf of the  
16 company via telephone. Thank you for the courtesy of  
17 allowing me to do that.

18 JUDGE KOPTA: You are most welcome.

19 And for commission staff?

20 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Jennifer  
21 Cameron-Rulkowski, assistant attorney general.

22 JUDGE KOPTA: And for public counsel?

23 MS. GAFKEN: Good morning. Lisa Gafken,  
24 assistant attorney general on behalf of public counsel.

25 JUDGE KOPTA: The first matter would be

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1 intervention. No one else has appeared in the room. Anyone  
2 on the bridge line wanting to intervene in this matter?

3 Hearing nothing, we have all of the players  
4 present.

5 Second is a protective order. Do we need a  
6 protective order in this docket? I'll look to  
7 Ms. Cameron-Rulkowski.

8 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Not that I know of,  
9 your Honor. Well...

10 MS. ANDERL: Your Honor, I'm not getting any  
11 audio.

12 JUDGE KOPTA: You're not hearing?

13 MS. ANDERL: No.

14 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, she wasn't saying  
15 anything at the moment. But can you hear me? Can you hear  
16 me, Ms. Anderl?

17 MS. ANDERL: Not all of your words, other  
18 than I understood that you said "can you hear me," but I  
19 didn't understand all of those words.

20 JUDGE KOPTA: Protective order, did you get  
21 that?

22 MS. ANDERL: A protective order, I would  
23 think there would be a need for one.

24 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Yes, and I agree.

25 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Then we will issue

1 the standard protective order.

2 Discovery: Do we need discovery in this  
3 matter?

4 Shall we make the commission's discovery  
5 rules made available?

6 MS. GAFKEN: Public counsel would like the  
7 discovery rules to be available.

8 MS. ANDERL: I think so.

9 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. We will make the  
10 discovery rules available.

11 That brings us to a schedule. Have the  
12 parties had the opportunity to discuss schedule?

13 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: We have, your Honor.

14 JUDGE KOPTA: Do you have a proposal?

15 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: I do. There's one  
16 particular element we hadn't discussed yet. So we could  
17 just go off the record for a moment and discuss that, and I  
18 think you can just stay in the room if that's acceptable.

19 JUDGE KOPTA: Sure. That's fine. Let's be  
20 off the record.

21 (Discussion off the record.)

22 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Let's be back on  
23 the record. We had a discussion involving the schedule, and  
24 the parties have agreed to the following: Settlement  
25 conference on July 29; exhibits and exhibit list on

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1 September 12. There will be no prefiled testimony.

2 And an evidentiary hearing on September 24.

3 Simultaneous post-hearing briefs would then  
4 be due on November 1. Is that correct?

5 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Yes.

6 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. We have that  
7 schedule. I think we've covered the matters that we need to  
8 unless anyone has anything further.

9 MS. CAMERON-RULKOWSKI: Nothing from staff,  
10 your Honor.

11 MS. GAFKEN: Nothing from public counsel.

12 MS. ANDERL: Nothing from CenturyLink.

13 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Thank you very  
14 much. We are adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the proceedings were  
16 adjourned at 9:40 a.m.)

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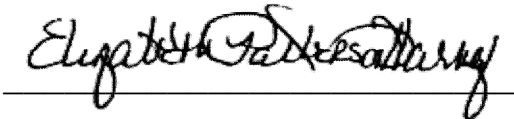
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