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STATE OF WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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April 22, 2024

NOTICE MODIFYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

**NOTICE RESCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARING
(Now Set for 9:30 a.m. on June 14, 2024)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation; CenturyTel of Washington; CenturyTel of Interisland; CenturyTel of Cowiche; and United Telephone company of the Northwest to be Competitively Classified Pursuant to RCW 80.36.320, Docket UT-240029*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On January 8, 2024, the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (collectively referred to as CenturyLink or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Competitive Classification (Petition) pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.36.320 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-121-061.

On February 5, 2024, the Commission issued Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing, which established a procedural schedule, including an evidentiary hearing set for May 24, 2024.

On April 22, 2024, CenturyLink emailed the presiding officer to inform the Commission that the parties jointly request that the Commission postpone the remaining procedural schedule by approximately three weeks to allow the parties to focus on a settlement.

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The Commission is committed to fostering settlement where possible. Due to the parties' agreement to the requested modification and assurance of progress towards settlement, the Commission finds good cause to modify the procedural schedule as requested and attached hereto as Appendix A. The modified schedule extends the deadline for entry of a final order to August 5, 2024. The Company has explicitly waived its right to have a final decision on the Petition entered within six months.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Docket UT-240029 is modified as indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the hybrid evidentiary hearing in Docket UT-240029 is rescheduled for June 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington and via Zoom. To participate in the hearing by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 840 8956 2275# and Passcode: 292836#. To participate via Zoom, [click here to join meeting.1](#)

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the deadline for issuance of a final order by the Commission is hereby extended to August 5, 2024, at the request of the Company.

/s/ Paige Doyle
PAIGE DOYLE
Administrative Law Judge

1 <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/84089562275?pwd=H2thkhSIOrUYrV9vhvyjvFdUpRH9O0.1>

Appendix A

EVENT	ORIGINAL DATE	NEW DATE
Company Rebuttal Testimony	May 10, 2024	May 31, 2024
Discovery Cutoff	May 15, 2024	June 5, 2024
First Virtual Public Comment Hearing	May 16, 2024	No Change
Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, and Time Estimates	May 20, 2024	June 10, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	May 24, 2024	June 14, 2024
Second Virtual Public Comment Hearing	June 6, 2024	No Change
Simultaneous Post-Hearing Briefs	June 12, 2024	July 10, 2024
Deadline for Entry of Final Order	July 8, 2024	August 5, 2024