

December 19, 2008

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULING CHANGE
FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

(Rescheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., Monday, January 5, 2009)

Re: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc. for Approval of Transfer of Control of United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a Embarq and Embarq Communications, Inc.*, Docket UT-082119

TO THE PARTIES:

On November 24, 2008, Embarq Corporation (Embarq) and CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel) filed a joint application with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) for expedited approval of an indirect transfer of control of Embarq's regulated Washington State operating subsidiaries to CenturyTel.

On December 5, 2008, the Commission issued a notice scheduling a prehearing conference on the proposed transfer for Monday, December 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. Due to likely inclement weather on Monday, December 22, the Commission reschedules the prehearing conference for Monday, January 5, 2009. Given the short notice, parties and interested persons also will be notified of this change by e-mail, and if a phone number is available, by telephone.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the prehearing conference scheduled in this matter for Monday, December 22, 2008, at 1:30 p.m., is rescheduled for Monday, January 5, 2009, to begin at 1:30 p.m. in Room 206 of the Commission's headquarters, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge

line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

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