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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

PREHEARING CONFERENCE VOLUME I ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE GREGORY J. KOPTA

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1 OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON MAY 23, 2019 2 9:30 A.M.

3 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

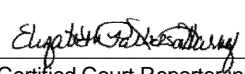
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1 the standard protective order.
 2 Discovery: Do we need discovery in this
 3 matter?
 4 Shall we make the commission's discovery
 5 rules made available?
 6 MS. GAFKEN: Public counsel would like the
 7 discovery rules to be available.
 8 MS. ANDERL: 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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