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Mr. Steven V. King **Executive Director and Secretary** Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

> **Docket UT-130477** Re:

> > CenturyLink's Rate Change Notification Pursuant to **Stipulated Plan for Alternative Form of Regulation**

Dear Mr. King:

Exception Condition 10 of CenturyLink's Stipulated Plan for Alternative Form of Regulation ("AFOR") in Docket UT-130477 requires that CenturyLink provide notice to the Commission of rate changes.

10) Rate Change Notification

CenturyLink will provide notice to the Commission via an electronic-only filing in this docket, with a copy to Public Counsel, of any changes to its flat-rated stand alone residential rates at the same time the company notifies its customers of the rate change. The filing will identify the rate to be increased and will include all of the then-current rates of the ILEC operating companies.

Beginning April 1, 2016 CenturyLink will initiate customer notices of planned rate changes that will become effective on May 1, 2016. In compliance with the Rate Change Notification requirement of the AFOR, CenturyLink is providing notice to the Commission with this filing of the planned changes to its flat-rated stand alone residential rates. In addition, CenturyLink is providing information on planned changes to its flat-rate stand alone business rates.

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The attached worksheets provide information for each CenturyLink exchange showing current rate, the amount of the planned rate change and the new rate. In addition to meeting its obligations for Rate Change Notification, the information provided in these worksheets also demonstrates CenturyLink's compliance with the following requirements of the AFOR:

- 7. De-Averaged Rates
- 8. Residential Rate Normalization

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Grate

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Enclosures

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