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April 1, 2015

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

**(Written Rebuttal Statements due by April 13, 2015)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC*, Docket UT-140597

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 19, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), on behalf of its Staff, initiated a complaint proceeding against Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). The complaint alleges violations of Commission rules arising from a 911 service outage affecting Washington residents on April 9-10, 2014. The Commission will conduct a prehearing conference on the complaint on April 20, 2015.

On March 18, 2015, Commissioner Philip Jones participated in a conference call with Commission Staff personnel and representatives of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The purpose of the call was to discuss the FCC Enforcement Bureau’s order and consent decree penalizing MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, for a 911 service outage in nine California counties that occurred April 9-10, 2014.

The FCC Enforcement Bureau’s order and underlying 911 service outage may be relevant to disputed issues in this case. Accordingly, a copy of Commission Staff’s summary of the March 18, 2015, conference call discussing that order, including a list of call participants and the order itself, has been filed in this docket.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That pursuant to WAC 480-07-310(4), any person who is or may seek to become a party in this docket may file a written rebuttal statement concerning the matters discussed with Commissioner Jones during the March 18, 2015, conference call. Any such statement must be filed by April 13, 2015.**

GREGORY J. KOPTA

Administrative Law Judge