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Mr. Dave Danner  
Secretary and Executive Director  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Joint Application of CenturyTel, Inc. and Embarq Corporation for Approval of  
Indirect Transfer of Control

Dear Mr. Danner,

Enclosed for filing are an original and twelve copies of the Joint Application of CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel) and Embarq Corporation (Embarq) for Expedited Approval of an Indirect Transfer of Control of Embarq's regulated Washington State operating subsidiaries to CenturyTel. The Companies are waiving a hearing by the Commission at its next regularly scheduled Open Public Meeting in order to expedite the schedule. The Applicants would greatly appreciate it if the Commission could schedule a Pre-hearing Conference in this matter as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this filing and if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Charles L. Best

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