

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF THE  
NORTHWEST D/B/A CENTURYLINK'S  
NOTICE OF CESSATION OF ENHANCED  
FRAME RELAY SERVICE PURSUANT TO  
WAC 480-120-083

Docket No.: UT-

**NOTICE OF CESSATION OF  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE**

*1* Pursuant to WAC 480-120-083, United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”) hereby provides notice of the cessation of a telecommunications service known as Enhanced Frame Relay Service.<sup>1</sup> This service is currently offered by CenturyLink in its Local Terms of Service, Section 24.

*2* Enhanced Frame Relay Service is a connection-oriented packet-switched data service allowing for the interconnection of Local Area Networks (LAN) or other compatible customer equipment. The reason for the cessation of service is that CenturyLink is faced with technical limitations due to the fact that production of the equipment necessary to maintain the service has been discontinued and manufacturer support for the equipment was discontinued as of December 31, 2014.

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the text of this rule is included as Attachment A for ease of reference.

3 Given this lack of equipment and ongoing support, Embarq Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink, an affiliate of the Petitioners, already applied for, and has been granted, authority pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to discontinue its Frame Relay throughout its service area.<sup>2</sup> This FCC application included the territory served by the Petitioners in Washington. In accordance with Section 63.71(c) of the FCC's rules, CenturyLink's application to discontinue its Frame Relay was deemed automatically granted on December 31, 2014.<sup>3</sup> In this application, CenturyLink provides Commission notice of cessation of Enhanced Frame Relay Service in the Washington territory served by United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink.

4 The following sets forth the information regarding notifications required by WAC 480-120-083.

- Subsection (2)(a) of the rule requires notification to the Commission at least 30 days in advance. The service is scheduled to be discontinued no earlier than June 1, 2015, so this notice is provided in advance of the 30-day requirement.
- Subsection (2)(b) deals with 911 services and does not apply to this service.
- Subsection (2)(c) requires notice to customers, including any resellers, at least 30 days in advance. The notice to customers was mailed on April 24, 2015, and was thus provided in advance of the 30-day requirement. A copy of the customer notice is provided as Attachment B to this notice to the Commission.

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<sup>2</sup> See, *In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of Embarq Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink, Inc. for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Discontinue the Provision of Service*, WC Docket 14-204, Section 63.71 Application (filed August 26, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(c).

- Subsections (2)(d) and (e) apply if the exiting carrier is supplied by other carriers and does not apply in this case.
- Subsection (2)(f) requires notice to the numbering administrator if numbers are to be returned. That is not the case with this service and CenturyLink does not believe a notice is required.
- Subsection (3) requires the Commission notice to contain certain information. This notice contains the information required under Subsection (3) of the rule. The number of customers for each telecommunications service and their location, described by exchange or by city and county for each telecommunications service being ceased is as follows: nine (9) customers located in the exchanges of Wapato, Grandview, Chimacum Center, White Swan, Poulsbo, Mattawa, Goldendale and Toppenish served by United Telephone Company of the Northwest.
- Subsection (4) requires the customer and Commission notice to contain certain information. A copy of that notice is attached and the notice contains the information required under Subsection (4) of the rule. CenturyLink plans to fulfill the other requirements of (4) by mailing a second notice approximately 15 days before the cessation of service.
- Subsections (5) and (6) do not apply to CenturyLink's cessation of Enhanced Frame Relay Service.
- Subsection (7) contains requirements for the notice to the numbering administrator which do not apply to CenturyLink's cessation of Enhanced Frame Relay Service.

- Subsections (8) and (9) do not apply to CenturyLink's cessation of Enhanced Frame Relay Service.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of April, 2015.

CENTURYLINK

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