

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the matter of the joint application of

EMBARQ CORPORATION AND
CENTURYTEL, INC.

For Approval of Transfer of Control of
United Telephone Company of the
Northwest d/b/a Embarq and Embarq
Communications, Inc.

DOCKET NO. UT-082119

CENTURLINK'S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION AND DEFERRAL OF
REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH CONDITION 3 OF THE
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT IN
DOCKET NO. UT-100820

1 In Docket No. UT-100820, the Commission entered Order 14, conditionally approving the merger of Qwest and CenturyLink. In accordance with Condition 3 of the Settlement Agreement in that proceeding between the companies, Commission Staff, and Public Counsel, CenturyLink, hereby asks the Commission to defer, extend, and eliminate certain reviews and filings requirements that would otherwise exist in this docket. Condition 3 provides, in relevant part, as follows:

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- a. Prior to the expiration of the existing Qwest AFOR, CenturyLink will petition the Commission for the following:
 - i. deferral of the Qwest AFOR review until the filings required in the next section of this condition are made;
 - ii. extension of the Qwest AFOR period until the Commission issues an order on the filings required in the next section of this condition; and
 - iii. elimination of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger conditions requiring a results of operation filing within three years and an AFOR filing within five years of the close of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger.

2 The CenturyTel/Embarq merger conditions requiring a results of operation filing within three years and an AFOR filing within five years of the close of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger.

Those filings would be due in July of 2012 and 2014 respectively.

3 Condition 3b. in the merger settlement requires CenturyLink to file pro forma results of operations in 2013 and 2014 (as modified by the Commission to add the 2013 requirement), and to file AFOR plans for all of the CenturyLink ILECs no sooner than April 1, 2014 and no later than April 1, 2015. That provision supersedes the conditions in this docket, and requires CenturyLink to seek an elimination of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger conditions that require a results of operation filing within three years and an AFOR filing within five years of the close of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger.

4 CenturyLink therefore asks the Commission to eliminate the conditions in this docket that require a results of operation filing within three years and an AFOR filing within five years of the close of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger.

5 Respectfully submitted this 4th day of November 2011.

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