

March 1, 2022

Via Web Portal

Ms. Amanda Maxwell **Executive Director and Secretary** Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Lacey, Washington 98503

> **Docket UT-130477** Re:

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

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

Due to numerous personnel changes in 2020 at CenturyLink, requisite notice of the rate changes described below were inadvertently not provided to the Commission. However, customers were appropriately informed of the rate changes. CenturyLink sincerely apologizes for the oversight, and will take steps to ensure it does not happen again.

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.

CenturyLink initiated customer notices in the December 2020 bills of rate changes that became effective on January 8, 2021 (CenturyLink QC) and January 22, 2021 (CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche and United Telephone Company of the Northwest). (See Attachment 1)

CenturyLink initiated customer notices in the December 2021 bills of rate changes that became effective on January 7, 2022 (CenturyLink QC) and January 14, 2022 (CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche and United Telephone Company of the Northwest). In compliance with the Rate Change Notification requirement of

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the AFOR, CenturyLink is providing notice to the Commission with this filing of the changes to its flat-rated stand-alone residential rates. In addition, CenturyLink is providing information on changes to its flat-rated stand-alone business rates. (See Attachment 2)

The attached worksheets provide information for each CenturyLink exchange showing current rate, the amount of the 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,

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Enclosure

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