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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SPRINT'S MOTION TO
COMPEL**

(Responses to Motion due by Friday, August 20, 2010, 3:00 p.m.)

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. For Approval of Indirect Transfer of Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest Communications Company LLC, and Qwest LD Corp., Docket UT-100820*

TO PARTIES OF RECORD:

On August 12, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received a motion from Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint). Sprint requests that the Commission compel Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc. (collectively, Joint Applicants) to fully respond to data requests it has propounded. Sprint also challenges Joint Applicants' designation of certain information in Data Request No. 41 as highly confidential. Sprint argues that the information should only be designated confidential.

The Commission strongly encourages parties to work together to resolve discovery disputes informally. WAC 480-07-425(1) requires that the parties employ good faith efforts to that end.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(4), the Commission may establish a time for responses to written motions. If any party wishes to respond to Sprint's motion to compel, they should do so by **August 20, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.** Please direct questions regarding this notice to Marguerite E. Friedlander, at 360-664-1285, or by e-mail at mfriedla@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

MARGUERITE E. FRIEDLANDER
Administrative Law Judge