

CenturyLink 1600 7th Avenue, Room 1506 Seattle, Washington 98191 (206) 345-1568 Facsimile (206) 343-4040

Mark S. Reynolds Northwest Region Vice President Public Policy

July 9, 2014

Via Email and Overnight Delivery

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: CenturyLink's Compliance Filing Pursuant to Paragraph 50 of the Commission's Order 05 in Docket No. UT-082119 – CenturyTel/Embarg Merger.

Dear Mr. King:

Paragraph 50 of the Commission's Order 05 in Docket UT-082119 requires CenturyLink to provide the Commission an annual report of the costs and synergy savings of the CenturyTel/Embarq merger. Pursuant to Appendix 4 of the Order, the report was to be provided "... until August 15, 2014, or until the end of the integration period, whichever is later ...".

However, as reported in CenturyLink's compliance filing of October 21, 2013, the company achieved its previously announced target of \$375 million in annual synergies on a run-rate basis associated with the CenturyTel/Embarq merger as of December 2011. In addition, CenturyLink reported that it had completed all substantive integration activities associated with the CenturyTel/Embarq merger and would not incur any further integration costs associated with that transaction.

As a result, the merger cost and synergy impacts associated with the CenturyTel/Embarq merger have been fully reported to the Commission through the compliance filings made in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and there is no new information to report in filings under

Steven V. King Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission July 9, 2014 Page 2

this condition. Accordingly, the requirements imposed by paragraph 50 for reporting of merger costs and synergies have been fully satisfied and no additional reports are required.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please don't hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

MSR/jga

cc: Sally Brown Simon ffitch