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Via Electronic Mail

August 22, 2019

Gregory Kopta, Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Washington Utilities and Transp. Comm'n v. Qwest Corp. d/b/a CenturyLink QC

Docket UT-190209

Dear Judge Kopta:

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-740(2)(c), this letter is to inform the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that Commission Staff and Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) (together, the "Settling Parties") have reached a multiparty settlement in principle in the docket referenced above. The Settling Parties intend to file a settlement agreement and testimony in support of settlement on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, and request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule in the interim.

The remaining party to this docket is the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel). Once Public Counsel notifies the Settling Parties whether it is joining or opposing the multiparty settlement, the parties will communicate further with the Commission. On or before September 25, the parties will notify the Commission as to whether the settlement remains a multiparty settlement and, if so, will propose a procedure for the Commission's consideration of the settlement. If the parties can propose an agreed schedule, they will do so. In the event that the multiparty settlement becomes an all-party settlement, the parties do not believe that a hearing would be necessary.

Sincerely,

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