

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

DOCKET UT-181051

Complainant,

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
**(Set for Tuesday, February 9, 2021,
at 9:30 a.m.)**

v.

CENTURYLINK
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC,

Respondent.

1 On December 22, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Complaint against CenturyLink Communications, LLC, (CenturyLink or Company) alleging violations of RCW 80.36.080, RCW 80.36.220, WAC 480-120-412, and WAC 480-120-450(1). The Company did not file an answer to the Complaint within 20 days as required by WAC 480-07-370(2)(b).

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate telecommunication companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.36 RCW, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.01.070, RCW 80.04.110, RCW 80.04.380, RCW and RCW 80.36.080. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters WAC 480-120, relating to telecommunication companies.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m. on February 9, 2021. To participate by phone,**

call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 768 704 966#. To participate via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

6 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference or by later written notice.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

8 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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9 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Samantha Doyle, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.¹

10 The Attorney General has designated Lisa W. Gafken, Nina Suetake, and Ann Paisner from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below,

¹ Judge Doyle can be reached by email at samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov or by phone at (360) 664-1164.

for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.

- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Lacey, Washington, and effective January 20, 2021.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



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Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out and return this form to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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