

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF  
THE CENTURLINK COMPANIES –  
QWEST CORPORATION; CENTURYTEL  
OF WASHINGTON; CENTURYTEL OF  
INTERISLAND; CENTURYTEL OF  
COWICHE; AND UNITED TELEPHONE  
COMPANY OF THE NORTHWEST TO BE  
COMPETITIVELY CLASSIFIED  
PURSUANT TO RCW 80.36.320

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DECLARATION OF  
SEAN BENNETT

- 1 I, Sean Bennett, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington, declare  
as follows:
- 2 I am over 18 years of age, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the state of  
Washington, and competent to be a witness.
- 3 I am employed by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission)  
as an Acting Section Manager. I have been employed by the Commission since 2016, and I  
have worked in the telecommunications Section of the Regulatory Services Division since  
2018. My responsibilities include tariff revisions, designation of Eligible  
Telecommunications Carriers, and universal service. The focus on universal service includes  
working with small Incumbent Local Exchange Companies and their broadband availability  
data, mapping and verifying providers meet their UTC and federal broadband buildout  
obligation, and collaborating with the Washington State Broadband Office on the  
development of the 5-year Action Plan, Digital Equity, and the deduplication process to  
identify areas with a definable broadband buildout obligation.
- 4 I have analyzed, and continue to work on analyzing, CenturyLink’s testimony, the  
underlying competition study, its conditions, and the discovery items that have been sent so  
far. Staff is building a competition study so that we can assess specific aspects of  
CenturyLink’s testimony and properly assess the impact of availability and affordability.
- 5 There are still outstanding discovery questions which impact the ability of staff to develop a  
competition study and complete an apples-to-apples comparison with Lumen’s, as well as to  
complete its analysis of Lumen’s filing.
- 6 Staff is unable to determine its settlement position until it receives the outstanding  
information and finishes analyzing CenturyLink’s filing.

DATED at Tumwater, Washington, and effective this 12th day of March, 2024.

/s/ Sean Bennett  
SEAN BENNETT