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NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS
(Written Rebuttal Statements due by April 16, 2015)

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC*, Docket UT-140597

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 19, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), on behalf of its Staff, initiated a complaint proceeding against Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink). The complaint alleges violations of Commission rules arising from a 911 service outage affecting Washington residents on April 9-10, 2014. The Commission will conduct a prehearing conference on the complaint on April 20, 2015.

On April 1, 2015, a member of the Commission's advocacy Staff sent an email message to the Commissioners and the presiding administrative law judge concerning an anticipated settlement of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) investigation of CenturyLink's involvement in the 911 service outage affecting residents in multiple states on April 9-10, 2014. On April 6, 2015, that same Staff member forwarded a press release to the presiding officers from the FCC Enforcement Bureau summarizing an order and consent decree penalizing CenturyLink for that service outage. A Commission policy advisor also forwarded a message to the Commissioners and Staff from Brad Ramsey of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners concerning the FCC Enforcement Bureau's action.

The FCC Enforcement Bureau's order and the underlying multi-state 911 service outage may be relevant to disputed issues in this case. Accordingly, a copy of the messages sent to the presiding officers has been filed in this docket.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That pursuant to WAC 480-07-310(4), any person who is, or may seek to become, a party in this docket may file a written rebuttal statement concerning the matters in the emails provided to the presiding officers. Any such statement must be filed by April 16, 2015.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge