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December 3, 2024

NOTICE EXTENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

RE: *In the Matter of the Petition of the CenturyLink 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, Docket UT-240029*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On January 8, 2024, the CenturyLink Companies – Qwest Corporation, CenturyTel of Washington, CenturyTel of Inter Island, CenturyTel of Cowiche, and United Telephone Company of the Northwest (collectively referred to as CenturyLink or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Competitive Classification (Petition) pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.36.320 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-121-061.

On September 6, 2024, the Commission entered Order 06 rejecting a settlement agreement and extending the term of alternate form of regulatory agreement. On September 23, 2024, the Commission entered Order 07, updating the procedural schedule and setting an Evidentiary Hearing for November 18, 2024. On September 24, 2024, an Errata to Order 07 was served on the parties, amending the procedural schedule and moving the Evidentiary Hearing date to January 9-10, 2025.

On November 25, 2024, counsel for CenturyLink contacted the Commission on behalf of the parties to inform the Commission that at least two of the parties (the Settling Parties) had reached a settlement in principle, were working to obtain authorization for settlement, and intended to file a settlement agreement and testimony in support thereof. The Settling Parties request that the Commission extend the procedural schedule to afford them time to memorialize the settlement.

The Commission finds good cause to extend the procedural schedule, but will preserve hearing dates due to the possibility that one party may not join the settlement. The procedural schedule is extended as follows:

Event	Order 07 Deadline	Updated Proposed Deadline
Rebuttal/Cross-Answer Testimony	December 13, 2024	January 10, 2025
Cross exhibits, estimates, etc.	January 2, 2025	January 30, 2025
Evidentiary Hearing	January 9-10, 2025	February 6-7, 2025
Post-Hearing Briefs	January 31, 2025	February 28, 2025
Final Order	February 28, 2025	March 28, 2025

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in this matter is extended, with an Evidentiary Hearing Scheduled for February 6-7, 2025.

/s/ Connor Thompson
 CONNOR THOMPSON
 Administrative Law Judge