

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-132282
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QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
CENTURYLINK QC)	ORDER
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For Commission Approval of 2013)	STATUS CONFERENCE SET FOR
Additions to its Non-Impaired Wire)	FEBRUARY 26, 2014
Center List)	
.....)	ORDER 02

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** On December 13, 2013, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition seeking approval of proposed additions to its non-impaired wire center list for calendar year 2013 (Petition). Specifically, CenturyLink requests the Commission approve the addition of CenturyLink’s Yakima Chestnut wire center to its non-impaired wire center list in accordance with the Federal Communication Commission’s Triennial Review Remand Order.

2 **CONFERENCE/PRESIDING OFFICER.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this proceeding at Olympia, Washington on January 22, 2014, before Administrative Law Judge Stephany A. Watson.

3 **PARTY REPRESENTATIVES.** Lisa Anderl, Senior Associate General Counsel, Seattle, represents CenturyLink. Jennifer Cameron-Rulkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Olympia, represents the Commission’s regulatory staff (Commission Staff or Staff).¹ Douglas Denney, Vice President, Costs & Policy, Portland, Oregon, represents Integra Telecom (Integra).

¹ In a formal proceeding, such as this, the Commission’s regulatory staff participates like any other party, while the Commissioners make the decision. To assure fairness, the Commissioners, the presiding administrative law judge, and the Commissioners’ policy and accounting advisors do not discuss the merits of this proceeding with the regulatory staff, or any other party, without giving notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. See RCW 34.05.455.

- 4 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** On January 10, 2014, Integra filed a petition for intervention. Integra is a competitively classified telecommunications company authorized to provide both intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications services in Washington. The parties did not object to the intervention. The Commission recognizes Integra’s substantial interest in the proceeding and grants the petition for intervention.
- 5 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND STATUS CONFERENCE.** The parties will file and serve any objections and issues related to the Petition on or before February 14, 2014. The Commission will conduct a status conference on **February 26, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.**, during which the parties will advise the Commission of their positions on the Petition, including the need for further evidentiary proceedings. Before the status conference, the parties will confer and if further evidentiary proceedings are needed, present a proposed schedule for them.
- 6 **DISCOVERY.** At the prehearing conference, the parties stated that they have no current need for formal discovery. The parties will advise the Commission of any change in this position at the status conference.
- 7 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** The parties must file the original plus two copies of all pleadings, motions, briefs, and other prefiled materials. These materials must conform to the format and publication guidelines in WAC 480-07-395 and WAC 480-07-460. The Commission prefers that materials be three-hole punched with *oversized* holes to allow easy handling. The Commission may require a party to refile any document that fails to conform to these standards.
- 8 All filings must be mailed or delivered to the Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250. Both the post office box and street address are required to expedite deliveries.
- 9 An electronic copy of all filings must be provided through the Commission’s Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail delivery to (records@utc.wa.gov). Alternatively, parties may furnish an electronic copy by delivering with each filing a flash drive or CD including the filed documents. Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Parties must follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files. The parties

agree that the Commission may serve all Commission orders, notices, and other issuances on the parties via email delivery to the parties at the addresses set forth in Appendix A.

- 10 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Parties must submit documents through the Commission's web portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by e-mail to (records@utc.wa.gov), and file an original plus two paper copies of the documents with the Commission by the following business day. Parties must provide courtesy copies of their electronic submissions to the presiding officer and to the parties to the proceeding. Parties may agree to waive the requirement to serve paper copies of all documents on each other and may serve such copies electronically if they memorialize such agreement by letter and provide a courtesy copy of the letter to the Commission.
- 11 The Commission requires parties to submit documents in adjudicative proceedings no later than 3:00 p.m. on the deadline date to give Records Center personnel adequate time to post and distribute them.
- 12 **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. The parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission has a limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if desired, the parties must call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1355 at least two weeks before the date that the parties request for alternative dispute resolution.
- 13 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within 10 calendar days after the service date of this Order, pursuant to WAC 480-07-430 and WAC 480-07-810. The service date appears on the first page of the order in the upper right-hand corner. Absent such objection, this Order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 23, 2014.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEPHANY A. WATSON
Administrative Law Judge

APPENDIX A

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