

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-151296
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QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a)	ORDER 02
CENTURYLINK QC)	
)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
For Commission Approval of 2015)	ORDER
Additions to its Non-Impaired Wire)	
Center List)	NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO
)	SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
)	ON PETITION
)	(By August 19, 2015)
.....)	

1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** On June 23, 2015, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for approval of additions to its non-impaired wire center list for 2015 (Petition). CenturyLink requests the Commission approve the addition of several wire centers to its non-impaired wire center list in accordance with the FCC’s Triennial Review Remand Order. The requested wire centers are as follows: Renton, Spokane Fairfax, Spokane Hudson, Spokane Keystone, Spokane Walnut, Spokane Whitworth, Tacoma Fawcett, and Yakima Chestnut.

2 **CONFERENCE.** The Commission convened a prehearing conference in this docket at Olympia, Washington on July 29, 2015, before Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta.

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

¹ In formal proceedings, 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.

Contact information provided at the conference for the parties' representatives is attached as Appendix A to this order.

- 4 **PETITIONS FOR INTERVENTION.** On June 30, 2015, Integra filed a petition for intervention. 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 **CONSENT TO ELECTRONIC SERVICE.** All parties have agreed to service electronically. The Commission, therefore, may serve only electronic copies of notices and orders in this docket to the party and representative email addresses on file with the Commission.
- 6 **DISCOVERY.** At the prehearing conference, the parties stated that they have no current need for formal discovery. If parties see a need for discovery, any party may move that the Commission make available its discovery rules, WAC 480-07-400 – 425.
- 7 **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND NOTICE TO COMMENT.** The parties may file and serve any comments related to CenturyLink's Petition on or before **Wednesday, August 19, 2015**. The comments should include a recommendation for any further process the party believes is necessary to inform the Commission's determination on the Petition.
- 8 **DOCUMENT PREPARATION AND FILING REQUIREMENTS.** Parties must file an original plus two (2) 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.
- 9 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 by the U.S. Postal Service.
- 10 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, DVD, or CD including the filed document(s). Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format except as otherwise provided in this order or the Commission's procedural rules. Parties must follow WAC 480-07-140(5) in organizing and identifying electronic files.

- 11 **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS.** Parties must submit documents electronically to the Commission on the filing deadline established in the procedural schedule and must file an original, plus two (2) paper copies of the documents with the Commission by 5:00 p.m. on the first business day following the filing deadline as provided in WAC 480-07-145(6). Parties may submit documents electronically through the Commission's Web Portal (www.utc.wa.gov/efiling) or by e-mail to records@utc.wa.gov. Finally, to perfect filing, parties must simultaneously serve the other parties and provide e-mail courtesy copies of filings to the presiding administrative law judge (gkopta@utc.wa.gov).
- 12 **ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The Commission supports the informal settlement of matters before it. Parties are encouraged to consider means of resolving disputes informally. The Commission does have limited ability to provide dispute resolution services; if you wish to explore those services, please call the Director, Administrative Law Division, at 360-664-1355.
- 13 **NOTICE TO PARTIES: A party who objects to any portion of this Order must file a written objection within ten (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 July 29, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge

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