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Via email

Mr. Stephen V. King  
Secretary and Executive Director  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Sumner Rate Center Numbering Waiver

Dear Mr. King:

By this letter Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC ("CenturyLink") is requesting a waiver of the utilization requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/Neustar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open and assign a new one thousands block of numbers that meets the needs of a specific CenturyLink customer.

Specifically, the customer has requested 300 consecutive numbers within the ranges of 2000 to 8999. The numbers are required for growth and needed in a specific range to maintain the customer's internal dialing plan. The original customer request has been provided with this letter as Confidential Attachment A.

The 253 NPA is forecasted to exhaust in the fourth quarter of 2031. There are 373 unassigned NXXs in the 253 NPA and 17 blocks available in the PA pool inventory for the Sumner Rate Center, several of which are in the format which will fulfill the customer request. The customer will not be returning any numbers in association with this request.

In our effort to satisfy the customer's request, CenturyLink submitted a request to PA/Neustar on March 7, 2013 for additional numbering resources. That application and the subsequent denial have been provided as Confidential Attachment B. In order for the request to be approved, CenturyLink will require a waiver of the current usage threshold for new numbering requests.

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The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is demonstrated need such as a specific customer request for a large block of numbers. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order (“Order”) as the “safety valve” process (See FCC 01-362, ¶¶ 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days. (See ¶¶ 61, 66).

CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of months to exhaust and Rate Center Utilization requirements, and direct PA/Neustar to open a new NXX in the 253 NPA Sumner Rate Center to accommodate our customer’s request.

All directives can be emailed, faxed or mailed directly to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request please contact Bruce Bennett at (303) 707-7013 or [bruce.bennett@centurylink.com](mailto:bruce.bennett@centurylink.com). We would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/Neustar.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

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Enclosures