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Via Web Portal

Mr. Steven V. King
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Re: Docket No. UT-
United Telephone of the Northwest dba CenturyLink
2017 ETC Certification and Request for Certification Pursuant
to WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, WAC 480-123-080,
and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.**

Dear Mr. King:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070 and WAC 480-123-080, United Telephone Company of the Northwest d/b/a CenturyLink (Washington) (“Company”) hereby requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission certify that the Company has met the requirements of 47 C.F.R. §54.314 for eligibility for continued receipt of federal high-cost funds. The certifications and reports that are specified in WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, and WAC 480-123-080 are enclosed.

The Company also requests that the attachments entitled “CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT B”, “CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT C”, “CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT D”, “CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT F”, and “CONFIDENTIAL EXHIBIT G” be treated as confidential. The schedules contain information that is quite detailed as to type of equipment, location, and cost. Therefore, the Company claims that the information on the schedules is confidential under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80.04.095 in that it constitutes valuable commercial information in the form of network configuration, design, and financial information.

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Should you have any questions, please contact Phil Grate at (425) 222-4732 or myself at (318) 330-6616.

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