

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-130477
)	
THE CENTURYLINK COMPANIES –)	
QWEST CORPORATION;)	
CENTURYTEL OF WASHINGTON;)	
CENTURYTEL OF INTERISLAND;)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE; AND)	CONFERENCE
UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY)	(Set for May 1, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)
OF THE NORTHWEST)	
)	
To be Regulated Under an Alternative)	
Form of Regulation Pursuant to RCW)	
80.36.135.)	
.....)	

1 On April 1, 2013, 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) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition to be regulated under an alternative form of regulation pursuant to RCW 80.36.135. A more detailed account of the issue is reflected in the petition, which is available for inspection at the Commission’s office located at Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, and on the Commission’s web site at www.utc.wa.gov/130477.

2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies providing service with the state of Washington. The statutes that apply to this matter include chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW and 80.36 RCW relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.36.080, RCW 80.36.135, and RCW 80.36.140. The rules that apply to this matter include those within chapter 480-120 WAC, relating to telecommunications.

3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the

APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

4 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on May 1, 2013, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

6 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See*, WAC 480-07-345(2). If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

7 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allow the Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.**

8 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 9 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.

- 10 The Attorney General has designated Simon ffitch of the Office of Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 11 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 4, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steven V. King, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

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Phone No.: (____) _____