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June 21, 2022

**NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR CENTURYLINK TO RESPOND TO
PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO STRIKE
(Response due July 7, 2022)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. CenturyLink
Communications*, Docket UT-181051

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 22, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), on its own motion, and through its staff (Staff) issued a complaint against CenturyLink Communications, LLC, (CenturyLink or Company) in Docket UT-181051 regarding interruptions in 911 service on December 27, 2018.

On March 31, 2022, CenturyLink filed, among other things, the response testimony of Martin D. Valence, which included an Affidavit of Thomas McNealy (McNealy Affidavit) as an exhibit.

On June 16, 2022, the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) filed a Motion to Strike Certain Testimony and Exhibits Filed by CenturyLink Communications, LLC (Motion to Strike). The Motion to Strike requests that the Commission strike the McNealy Affidavit in its entirety, as well as portions of the testimony of Valence, Stacy J. Hartman, and Steven E. Turner that relate to it.

On June 17, 2022, CenturyLink filed a Motion for Continuance Regarding Motion to Strike (Motion for Continuance) requesting a two-week continuance of the deadline to respond to the Motion to Strike and allowing the Company to respond by July 7, 2022. CenturyLink states that its primary counsel on the issues raised in the Motion to Strike is currently unavailable and therefore it is unable to timely address the motion. The Motion for Continuance further states that Public Counsel has agreed to the continuance.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-375(4) allows any party opposing a motion to file a response within five days, or "at such other time as the presiding officer may set."

The Commission finds good cause to extend the deadline for response to the Motion to Strike to July 7, 2022, to allow CenturyLink's counsel opportunity to thoroughly address the issues raised.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission extends the deadline to file responses to the Motion to Strike to 5 p.m., July 7, 2022.

/s/ Samantha Doyle

SAMANTHA DOYLE

Administrative Law Judge