

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of
Northwest Fiber Holdco, LLC, and BCE
Holding Corporation for an Order
Approving the Transfer of Control of
Ziplay Fiber Northwest, LLC to BCE
Holding Corporation.

Applicant.

DOCKET UT-240951

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for Wednesday, April 23, 2025,
at 1:30 p.m.)

- 1 On December 12, 2024, Northwest Fiber Holdco, LLC (Northwest) and BCE Holding Corporation (BCE) filed a joint application requesting that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) enter an order approving the transfer of control of Ziplay Fiber Northwest, LLC d/b/a Ziplay Fiber (Ziplay) to BCE.
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW and has legal authority to regulate telecommunication companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, and 80.36 RCW, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.01.070, RCW 80.04.110, RCW 80.04.380, RCW and RCW 80.36.080. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Chapters WAC 480-120 relating to telecommunication companies.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW 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 virtual prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on April 23, 2025. To attend via Zoom, [please click here to join meeting](#). To attend by phone, please call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 838 1649 4757# and Passcode: 518809#.**
- 5 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, to identify the

issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

6 **INTERVENTION:** Persons seeking to intervene in the proceeding must file written petitions to intervene at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). 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). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this Notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for the evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference 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 and WAC 480-07-450.**

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 Judges Bijan Hughes and Jessica Kruszewski, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.¹
- 10 The Attorney General has designated Tad O'Neill, Jessica Johanson-Kubin, and Robert Sykes from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (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 Lacey, Washington, and effective March 21, 2025.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please provide the information requested below via email to Stacey Brewster, paralegal, at stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov:

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Docket: _____

Case Name: _____

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