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July 28, 2011

Mr. David Danner
Executive Director & Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
Olympia, Washington 98504

Re: 2011 ETC Certification and Request for Certification Pursuant to
WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, WAC 480-13-080, and 47
C.F.R. §54.314.

Dear Mr. Danner:

Pursuant to WAC 480-123-060, CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("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 "CenturyLink 2011 Planned Investments" and "CenturyLink 2010 Planned Investments Progress Report" be treated as confidential. The schedule contains information that is quite detailed as to type of equipment, location, and cost. Therefore, the Company claims that the information on the schedule is confidential under RCW 80.04.095 and WAC 480-07-160 in that it constitutes valuable commercial information in the form of network configuration and design information.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mark Reynolds at (206) 345-1568 or myself at (318) 362-1246.

Sincerely,

Amy Young
Regulatory Analyst
CenturyLink

Enclosures

**REPORT AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070,
AND WAC 480-123-080
CENTURYTEL OF COWICHE, INC. D/B/A CENTURLINK**

CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (the "Company") hereby submits the following report in accordance with WAC 480-123-060, WAC 480-123-070, and WAC 480-123-080.

WAC 480-123-070(1)(a): Attached is a copy of the Company's preliminary NECA-1 Report for the calendar year 2010. The final report will be submitted to NECA by the July 31, 2011 due date. The plant investment and expense amounts listed on NECA-1 represent the basis for federal high cost funding support associated with the Company's operations in 2010.

WAC 480-123-070(1)(b): The Company reports that the investment in plant and the expenses reported on the preliminary 2010 NECA-1 report submitted herewith provide very direct and substantial benefits to consumers. Over the years the Company has invested millions of dollars in building, maintaining, and operating a telecommunications network in the state of Washington. It is the growth, enhancement, and continued viability of this network that gives consumers in the Company's service territory access to services that are vital in meeting their telecommunications needs. The expenditures reflected in the Company's preliminary NECA-1 report have allowed the Company to provide services that meet the expectations addressed in 47 U.S.C. 254 for consumers in the service area for which the Company is designated as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier.

The expenditures reflected in the Company's preliminary NECA-1 were directed to assuring that the network is positioned to meet the ever increasing needs and expectations of consumers. The company's expenditures included projects to increase network capacity.¹ For example, projects that added fiber to the network increased the network's capacity. Consumers benefit from increased capacity in that it allows additional consumers to join or access the network, allows additional services to be offered over the network, and reduces the likelihood that calls will be blocked.

Company expenditures have also gone to maintaining and increasing network reliability. Ability to access the network during periods of power outages clearly benefits the health and safety of consumers. Network reliability also benefits consumers by generally increasing the overall quality of service.

¹ The preliminary NECA-1 report does not identify expenditures at the project level. The projects underlying the expenditures on NECA-1 would tend to be very similar to those identified in response to WAC 480-123-080 (1) (b) which does identify certain planned expenditures at the project level.

Local Service Outage Report per WAC 480-123-070 (2):

The Company is exempt from this requirement as it is subject to WAC 480-120-412 and WAC 480-120-439(5).

Report on Failure to Provide Service per WAC 480-123-070 (3):

The Company is exempt from this requirement as it is subject to WAC 480-120-439(5).

Report on Complaints per One Thousand Handsets of Lines per WAC 480-123-070(4):

The Company reports that there were no complaints during calendar year 2010 to the Federal Communications Commission or to the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Washington concerning the services provided to its customers.

WAC 480-123-080(1)(b): The Company submits herewith a schedule entitled "CenturyLink 2011 Planned Investments." The schedule is not all-inclusive of the Company's planned capital expenditures but does list some of the more significant projects the Company is undertaking in 2011. The schedule is quite detailed with regard to equipment, location, and cost and therefore constitutes valuable commercial information in the form of network configuration and design information as recognized under RCW 80.04.095. Therefore the schedule is being submitted as a CONFIDENTIAL document under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80.04.095. The Company also expects to incur expenses associated with maintaining and operating its network in the state of Washington at a level that will be similar to the expenses indicated on the preliminary 2010 NECA-1 form submitted in response to WAC 480-123-070(1)(a). The Company also submits the schedule entitled "CenturyLink 2010 Planned Investments Progress Report". The schedule describes the status of construction projects during 2010 and is being submitted as a CONFIDENTIAL document under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80.04.095.

WAC 480-123-080(2): The Company states that federal support will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended under 47 U.S.C. 254. The federal support will be used to fund operation of, and improvements to, the network, including some of the various projects included on the CenturyLink 2011 Planned Investment schedule as well as expenses at a level similar to that indicated on the preliminary 2010 NECA-1 form submitted in response to WAC 480-123-070(1)(a). The Company's use of federal support in this manner will benefit consumers. As discussed previously in this report, these types of expenditures will serve to sustain and improve network capacity and reliability. This network capacity and reliability is essential to providing the level of service anticipated in 47 U.S.C. 254 and therefore benefits consumers.

For more specific consumer benefits associated with planned expenditures, the Company incorporates by reference the column of the CenturyLink 2011 Planned Investments schedule that is entitled "Narrative." The narrative for each project on the schedule identifies specific improvements that will benefit consumers in specific areas.

**AFFIDAVIT CONTAINING CERTIFICATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY WAC 480-123-060 AND WAC 480-123-070**

I, David D. Cole, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am Senior Vice President and Controller for CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("Company"), that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company, and that the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. On this basis, I hereby certify to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") for use by the Commission in providing the certification to the Federal Communications Commission and Universal Service Administrative Company required by 47 C.F.R. §54.314, as follows:

(1) That the federal high-cost universal service fund support received by the Company will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of the facilities and services for which the support is intended;

(2) That during the 2010 calendar year, the Company met substantially the applicable service quality standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(h);

(3) That during the 2010 calendar year, the Company maintained the ability to function in emergency situations under the standard found in WAC 480-123-030(1)(g), as such standard relates to functionality of wire line carriers in emergency situations; and

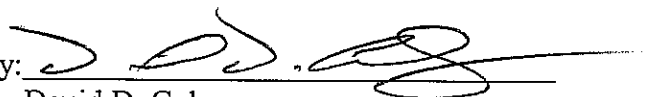
(4) That during the 2010 calendar year, the Company publicized the availability of its applicable telephone assistance programs in a manner reasonably designed to reach those likely to qualify for service, including residents of federally recognized Indian Reservations and in a manner which, in the Company's judgment, included advertisements likely to reach those who are not current customers of the Company within the Company's designated service area.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

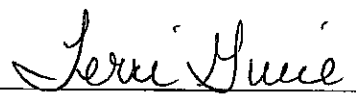
Dated this 27th day of July, 2011

Company: CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

By: 
David D. Cole

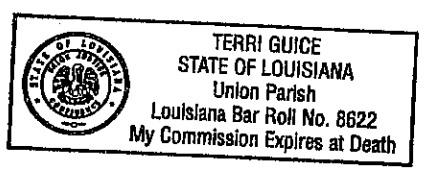
Senior Vice President and Controller

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 27th day of July, 2011 in Monroe, Louisiana.


Notary Public

TERRI Guice
Printed Name of Notary

My Commission Expires: At death



CenturyLink 2011 Planned Investments
WAC 480-123-080 (1)(B)
CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

NARRATIVE	Budget	ESTIMATED START DATE	ESTIMATED END DATE
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CenturyLink 2010 Planned Investments Progress Report

WAC 480-123-080 (1)(B)

CenturyTel of Cowiche, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

Narrative	INITIATIVE	MNEMONIC	VERB	STATUS
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Additional Major Projects

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