

Exhibit No. \_\_\_ HC (RTA-10HC)  
Docket UT-100820  
Witness: Rick T. Applegate  
REDACTED VERSION

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

**In the Matter of the Joint Application of**

**QWEST COMMUNICATIONS  
INTERNATIONAL INC. AND  
CENTURYTEL, INC.**

**For Approval of Indirect Transfer of  
Control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest  
Communications Company LLC, and  
Qwest LD Corp.**

**DOCKET UT-100820**

**EXHIBIT TO TESTIMONY OF  
RICK T. APPLGATE  
STAFF OF  
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

*Implication of Loss of Investment Grade Rating*

**September 27, 2010**

**HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL PER PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**Testimony of Rick T. Applegate**  
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**is REDACTED in its entirety**