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## Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. **Qwest Corporation d/b/a Century Link QC**

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Page 1 Page 3 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON 1 Olympia, Washington; April 20, 2015 UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 2 9:30 a.m. 3 -000-Washington Utilities and ) 4 PROCEEDINGS Transportation Commission, ) 5 Complainant, ) 6 JUDGE KOPTA: Let's be on the record. In 7 ) Docket UT-140597 VS. docket UT-140597, caption Washington Utilities and QWEST CORPORATION d/b/a 8 Transportation Commission versus Qwest Corporation 9 Century Link QC, d/b/a Century Link QC. Respondent. ) 10 I'm Gregory J. Kopta, the administrative 11 law judge who will be presiding over this Prehearing Conference held before 12 proceeding, and we are here on Monday, April 20th, Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta 13 2015 to conduct a prehearing conference. And the Volume I 14 first order of business is to take appearances. Pages 1 - 12 15 Let's start with the complainant, the Commission. 16 MR. BEATTIE: Thank you, Judge Kopta. Is 9:30 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. 17 a short form --April 20, 2015 18 JUDGE KOPTA: Short form is perfectly 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest 19 fine, as long as you filed something, and I know Olympia, Washington 20 you have. So just name and party you're 21 representing. 22 MR. BEATTIE: Judge Kopta, I'm looking 23 through my file, and I notice I have not filed a 24 notice of appearance. Mary M. Paradise, CSR 2469 25 JUDGE KOPTA: Shame on you. In Page 2 Page 4 APPEARANCES 1 anticipation of you filing one, why don't you just 2 go ahead and give your name. I think we all know ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Gregory J. Kopta 3 where you live. 4 MR. BEATTIE: Thank you, Judge. I'm ON BEHALF OF WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 5 Julian Beattie, assistant attorney general 7 6 appearing on behalf of Commission staff. JULIAN BEATTIE Assistant Attorney General 8 7 JUDGE KOPTA: And for the company? 1400 South Evergreen Park Drive SW 8 MS. ANDERL: Thank you, your Honor. Lisa 9 PO Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504 9 Anderl, in-house attorney, appearing on behalf of 10 10 Century Link. And I can -- I have not yet filed 11 ON BEHALF OF CENTURY LINK QC 12 LISA ANDERL 11 anything either, because of the respondent, and we Century Link In-House Counsel 12 didn't file an answer, but I can make sure that the 13 1600 Seventh Avenue Suite 1506 13 court reporter gets my information afterwards. Seattle, Washington 98191 ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC COUNSEL 14 14 JUDGE KOPTA: That would be fine. And for 15 16 LISA W. GAFKEN 15 public counsel? Assistant Attorney General 16 MS. GAFKEN: Good morning, my name is Lisa 800 Fifth Avenue 17 Suite 2000 17 Gafken. I'm an assistant attorney general Seattle, Washington 98104 18 18 appearing on behalf of public counsel. Also Present: William H. Weinman, Assistant 19 Director, Telecommunications, 19 JUDGE KOPTA: Thank you. Anyone else 20 Washington Utilites & 20 wanting to make an appearance? Hearing none, we Transportation Commission 21 21 will go to interventions. I have not received any Susie Paul, Compliance 22 petitions to intervene, and as I understand it, 22 Investigator, Consumer Protection and Communications, 23 there is no one on the bridge line or in the 23 Washington Utilites & 24 hearing room, but I will give them one last Transportation Commission 24 25 opportunity. If there is anyone who wants to seek 25

Page 7 Page 5 1 that I'll know not to enter the order before you've 1 to intervene in this proceeding? 2 2 Hearing nothing, then we go on to the gotten back to me. 3 next, which is a protective order. Is there a need 3 MS. ANDERL: I know who I would like to for a protective order in this docket, Ms. Anderl? 4 4 include now. 5 5 MS. ANDERL: I would anticipate that there JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. 6 would be, yes. Just the regular protective order, 6 MS. ANDERL: I feel like I'm on a game 7 7 not highly confidential. show. 8 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. I think that 8 JUDGE KOPTA: Name that tune. 9 makes sense. And we will enter the standard 9 MS. ANDERL: I'd like to try to solve that 10 10 protective order in this case. puzzle now. In addition to myself, I'd like to 11 Service. Anyone have a problem with 11 include three other people on the service list, and 12 getting electronic service? 12 that would be Mark Reynolds, and his e-mail is MS. ANDERL: No objection. 13 Mark, dot, Reynolds, and then the Arabic numeral 13 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. 14 three at Century Link dot com. 14 15 MS. GAFKEN: No objections from public 15 Then Maura Peterson -- sorry, strike that. 16 16 Maura Reynolds, first name is M-a-u-r-a, but her counsel. e-mail is Maura, dot, Peterson, P-e-t-e-r-s-o-n, at 17 MR. BEATTIE: And the same from staff. 17 18 JUDGE KOPTA: Excellent. Discovery? Will 18 Century Link dot com, and John Felz. The last name 19 there be a need for discovery in this matter? 19 is F-e-l-z, and his e-mail is John, dot, Felz at 20 MS. ANDERL: There may be. 20 Century Link dot com. 21 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. And is everyone 21 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. And we will make the 22 Commission's discovery rules available. And I 22 else okay with who we've got on the list? think that leads us to scheduling. 23 Ms. Gafken, you're leaning forward. 23 24 24 MS. ANDERL: I have one thing before that. MS. GAFKEN: I am leaning forward. I 25 your Honor. 25 probably don't include this information on notice Page 6 Page 8 1 1 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. -- notices of appearance, but I will request that 2 three other individuals receive e-mails as well. 2 MS. ANDERL: In terms of the parties who 3 should be served electronically, and then if there 3 And if it's all the same, I think it would be 4 is a paper copy, who would get that. Do you want 4 easier and more efficient if I sent you an e-mail us to provide that now, or do you want us to just 5 5 with those addresses. 6 send an e-mail later this -- you know, by a certain 6 They are Carol Baker, Chanda Mak and 7 7 date this week, with the list of who -- who should Stefanie Johnson, all in quantities. But I'll send 8 be on the e-service, et cetera? 8 you the e-mails to you immediately after the 9 JUDGE KOPTA: Yes, my hope is that we will 9 prehearing conference. 10 just be serving electronically. I'm trying to get 10 JUDGE KOPTA: That would be fine. Thank 11 folks to move in that direction. 11 you. Anyone else, or staff, in addition to 12 12 MS. ANDERL: No hard copies at all? yourself, Mr. Beattie? JUDGE KOPTA: No hard copies at all. And 13 13 MR. BEATTIE: No, thank you, Judge. 14 I would hope that the parties would be willing to 14 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Then, now, I 15 do that with each other, unless there is a request 15 believe we're ready to talk about scheduling. Have the parties had a chance to discuss that among 16 for a hard copy. 16 17 17 So if you want to -- I mean, in addition themselves? 18 to the attorneys that have spoken up here and any 18 MS. ANDERL: Yes. MR. BEATTIE: Judge, we have had a phone 19 contacts in the prehearing conference notice that 19 we have on file, if you wanted anyone other than 20 20 conference to discuss scheduling, and came up with 21 that, then please let me know. Sooner rather than 21 a proposed procedural schedule, which I did send to

Obviously, I would like to get out these

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JUDGE KOPTA: She has not.

MR. BEATTIE: Okay. So Bill Weinman is

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Page 9 Page 11 1 handing up a copy of the proposed schedule. 1 and then we can finalize the rest of this. So 2 Ms. walker represented to me that these dates look 2 we'll be off the record. 3 okay from -- in terms of availability. 3 (Discussion off the record.) JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Generally, if the 4 JUDGE KOPTA: We'll be back on the record. 5 parties are okay with dates, I don't have a problem 5 After a discussion among the parties, it's 6 with them, as long as we don't have a statutory 6 determined that we will go ahead and stick with the 7 deadline. Although, I believe most complaints are 7 original date, because the workshop that Ms. Anderl 8 8 supposed to be resolved within ten months, so this referenced is only scheduled for the morning, and 9 would carry us past that time. As long as the 9 the parties can still meet in the afternoon. 10 company doesn't have an objection to taking longer 10 So I have no problem with this schedule. than the ten months in 80.04.110, then --11 11 conditioned only on my confirmation that the 12 MS. ANDERL: That's fine, your Honor. I 12 commissioners are available during the evidentiary 13 don't think there's any statutory consequence if it 13 hearing dates. So I will, at this point -- I don't know that I really need to say this on the record, 14 takes longer anyway, but we don't object to the 14 15 schedule and the appropriate amount of time after 15 unless anybody really wants me to recite all these the conclusion of hearings, if any, for the -- and 16 16 dates and times? Okay. I won't. 17 briefing for the Commission to issue an order. 17 I have the parties' proposal. I think it 18 That's fine. 18 will be acceptable. I will incorporate that into 19 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. 19 the prehearing conference order. Is there 20 MS. ANDERL: I do have one little hiccup 20 anything else that we need to handle this morning? 21 that I just noticed, and that is I believe we have 21 Hearing nothing, we are adjourned. Thank you. 22 our first settlement conference scheduled for June 22 MS. ANDERL: Thank you. 23 9th. 23 MR. BEATTIE: Thank you, Judge. 24 (The prehearing conference concluded at JUDGE KOPTA: Yes. 24 25 MS. ANDERL: And the Commission just 25 9:40 a.m.) Page 10 Page 12 1 1 issued a notice setting a workshop in a case that 2 we may all be interested in. It has to do with the 2 CERTIFICATE 3 3 current practices in the industry across all 4 industries regarding credit card payments by 4 STATE OF WASHINGTON 5 5 customers. COUNTY OF KING 6 JUDGE KOPTA: So we did, yes. 6 7 MS. ANDERL: So it could be -- that could 7 I, Mary M. Paradise, a Certified Shorthand 8 8 Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do pose a conflict. 9 9 JUDGE KOPTA: Is that something that you hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of the 10 can resolve, if we took a little time this morning? 10 prehearing conference on April 20, 2015, is true 11 MS. ANDERL: Yes, I'd be happy to talk off 11 and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill and 12 the record. I think we're free, you know, one day 12 ability. 13 on either side. It was June 9th, it was a just a 13 14 nice day -- it was just a day that everybody was 14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my 15 available, but I would be happy to see if we can 15 hand this 29th day of April, 2015. 16 work on an alternate day. 16 17 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. And as far as you 17 18 know, these hearing dates also work for the 18 19 commissioners? They will be planning to sit on in 19 20 this if there is a hearing? 20 MR. BEATTIE: That's correct. That's what 21 21 22 22 Ms. Walker told me. 23 JUDGE KOPTA: That's the only other real 23 24 constraint here. Why don't we go off the record 24

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