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Ms. Julie Orchard
Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Bldg., 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
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Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of Qwest Communications International Inc. and CenturyTel, Inc., Docket No. 10-049-16

Dear Ms. Orchard:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding are copies of a recent order (Order No. 10-291) by the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the Oregon Public Utility Commission's consideration of the CenturyLink/Qwest merger proceeding. This order is submitted as supplemental authority in support of the Joint Applicants' July 21, 2010 motion for a protective order for highly-confidential information.

In the order, the Oregon Commission adopted, with slight modifications, a protective order CenturyLink had proposed, based on the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's original protective order, which included limiting highly-confidential information to only outside counsel and outside experts, and rejecting a request for a "small company" exception to those limitations. See Order No. 10-291, p. 5, and fn. 9. The specific "Staff's Eyes Only" provision which the Joint Applicants seek here was not at issue in CenturyLink's motion in Oregon.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours,

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