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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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 Corporation	PETITION TO INTERVENE Docket No. 10-049-16
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Pursuant to the provisions of the Utah Administrative Code R746-100-7, and Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-207, the Utah Rural Telecom Association (“URTA”), on behalf of itself and URTA members All West Communications, Bear Lake Communications, Beehive Telephone Company, Carbon/Emery Telcom, Central Utah Telephone, Direct Communications Cedar Valley, Emery Telcom, Gunnison Telephone, Hanksville Telcom, Manti Telephone, Skyline Telecom, South Central Utah Telephone Association, Strata Networks, and Union Telephone (“URTA members”) petition the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for leave to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. The grounds for this petition are as follows:

1. URTA members are local exchange carriers providing public telecommunications services in Utah pursuant to certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by this Commission.
2. In the course of providing and completing services to their customers, URTA Members regularly do business with and interconnect with Qwest Communications throughout the state.

3. The Applicants in this docket, Qwest Communications International, Inc. and CenturyLink, Inc (“CenturyLink”), have requested approval of the indirect transfer of control of Qwest Corporation, Qwest LD Corporation and Qwest Communications Company LLC (“Qwest”) to CenturyLink.
4. URTA members will continue to interconnect and do business with CenturyLink if the Commission grants this application, therefore. As a result, URTA and URTA members have a significant interest in the above-captioned matter and their legal rights or interests could be substantially affected by the outcome.
5. URTA’s intervention and participation in this matter will not materially impair the prompt and orderly conduct of these proceedings.
6. If the Commission grants this petition, URTA requests that copies of all notices and filings in this docket be served on:

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URTA requests that notices and filings be served electronically whenever possible.

NOW THEREFORE, URTA respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order granting URTA’s petition to intervene in this docket allowing URTA and URTA members to participate for the purpose of protecting their interests as they may appear.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of June, 2010, I caused to be e-mailed, a true and correct copy of the foregoing PETITION TO INTERVENE of URTA and URTA Members in Docket No. 10-049-16, to:

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