

July 31, 2009

Lee Sparling
Utility Program Director
Oregon Public Utility Commission
550 Capitol St NE #215
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Dear Mr. Sparling:

Re: UM 1416 – Application of Merger between CenturyTel, Inc. (CenturyTel), and
Embarq Corporation (Embarq). Notice of Merger Completion

This letter is to certify, as required in the final order in Docket UM 1416, that the merger between CenturyTel and Embarq was completed on July 1, 2009 according to its terms and that the company and its regulated Oregon subsidiaries are in compliance with the conditions of that final order.

Please feel free to call Barb Young at (541) 387-9850 with any questions that you may have regarding this notice.

Sincerely,



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