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March 31, 2011

Oregon Public Utility Commission  
Attn: Filing Center  
550 Capitol Street NE, Ste 215  
Salem, OR 97301-2551

RE: UM-1484 CenturyLink/Qwest Merger

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing, please find an original and five copies of CenturyLink's Request for Partial Waiver of Condition No. 5, along with a certificate of service.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these copies, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

William Hendricks, III  
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Enclosures  
cc: Service List

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1484

In the Matter of

CENTURYLINK, INC.

Application for an Order to Approve  
the Indirect Transfer of Control of

QWEST CORPORATION

**REQUEST FOR PARTIAL WAIVER OF  
CONDITION NO. 5**

**REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

CenturyLink, Inc. ("CenturyLink") and Qwest Communications International, Inc. ("Qwest") (collectively the "Companies") request a partial waiver from Condition No. 5, Order No. 11-095, in this docket, so that they can notify customers after the transaction close date of April 1, 2011.

**BACKGROUND**

On March 24, 2011, the Commission entered Order No. 11-095 in this matter, granting the application with conditions ("Order"). Among numerous other conditions, the Commission approved Condition No. 5, which requires CenturyLink to notify customers of the merger prior to closing. Condition 5 provides:

Prior to the closing of the transaction, customer notification of the merger and change of parent company will be given to all local exchange and long distance customers and will comply with any state and FCC rules and regulations. This notice will include notification to all existing and acquired OTAP/Lifeline customers that the acquisition will not affect their OTAP/Lifeline credits and that there is no action required on their part.

Prior to the notification, CenturyLink will submit a draft of the OTAP/Lifeline portion to the OTAP Manager for review.

CenturyLink has submitted a draft of the notification to the OTAP Manager for review and input. However, due to the short window of time between the Order (March 24) and the merger closing date (April 1), CenturyLink and Qwest were not able to begin noticing customers. CenturyLink and Qwest will notice customers in the first bill cycle beginning April 1, 2011, and continuing through the month.

### RELIEF

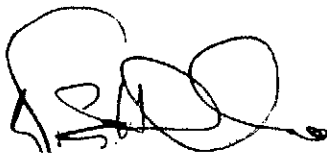
The Companies therefore respectfully request that the Commission grant a partial waiver of Condition 5 to allow them to provide notification to customers after the merger closing date of April 1, 2011.

DATED: March 31, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

CENTURYLINK

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011, I served the foregoing CENTURYLINK'S REQUEST FOR PARTIAL WAIVER OF CONDITION NO. 5, in the above entitled docket on the following persons via e-mail, and via U.S. Mail by mailing a correct copy to them in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid, addressed to them at their regular office address shown below, and deposited in the U.S. Post Office at Portland, Oregon.

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