

ISSUED: January 14, 2011

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1484

In the Matter of

CENTURYLINK, INC.,

Application for Approval of Merger
between CenturyTel, Inc., and Qwest
Communications International, Inc.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED; SCHEDULE AMENDED

BACKGROUND

On January 7, 2011, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) adopted a procedural schedule for the filing of post-hearing briefs in this docket on January 14, 2011, and parties' simultaneous rebuttal briefs on January 21, 2011.

DISCUSSION

On January 14, 2011, counsel for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff (Staff) filed an electronic request with the ALJ to amend the docket briefing schedule. Counsel states that Staff's lead attorney for this docket is currently on parental leave and requests the schedule be extended to allow another attorney to assist in completing the Staff opening brief. Staff proposes January 25, 2011 for the filing of parties' opening briefs and February 1, 2011, for reply briefs. Counsel represents that all parties actively participating in the case will not interpose an objection to the request.

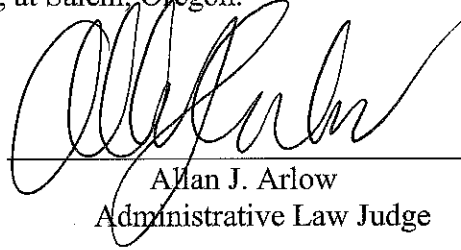
I find that the Staff request is justified, reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings.

RULING

The schedule is hereby modified as follows:

All Parties Simultaneous Opening Briefs Due	January 25, 2011
All Parties Simultaneous Rebuttal Briefs Due	February 1, 2011

Dated this 14th day of January, 2011, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

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