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September 14, 2017

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Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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**Re: Docket UM 1686, Order No. 14-346  
CenturyTel of Oregon, CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon and  
United Telephone Company of the Northwest Petition for  
Approval of Price Plan Pursuant to ORS 759.255**

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

In the above-referenced docket and Order, the Commission approved a Price Plan for CenturyTel of Oregon, CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon and United Telephone Company of the Northwest ("CenturyTel/United") effective October 7, 2014. Among other things, the Price Plan has a term of three years with an option to extend for an additional (fourth) year.<sup>1</sup> On September 27, 2016, CenturyTel/United filed notice in the above reference docket of its intent to extend the Price Plan to a fourth year. With the one-year extension, the Price Plan will expire October 6, 2018.

The Price Plan also provides that if the Price Plan is extended for a fourth year, CenturyTel/United will be required to petition the Commission for a new form of regulation no later than the end of the third year of the Price Plan, which is October 6, 2017.<sup>2</sup>

CenturyTel/United needs additional time to prepare its petition for a new form of regulation. As a result, we now respectfully request a three week extension of time to October 27, 2017 to file the petition.

We have discussed the three week extension with Bryan Conway, Administrator, Telecommunications and Water Division for Commission Staff and he is not opposed.

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<sup>1</sup> Price Plan Pursuant to ORS 759.255 CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc, CenturyTel of Eastern Oregon, Inc., and United Telephone Company of the Northwest, ("CenturyTel/United") §V.

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

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Please direct any questions or concerns to Phil Grate at (206) 345-6224 -  
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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Hendricks', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

William E. Hendricks

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