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CENTURYLINK SELECTS PORT OF CENTRALIA FOR EXPANSION

CenturyLink has entered into a long-term lease agreement to locate a new facility in the Port of Centralia's Park I development. CenturyLink purchased the Qwest Corporation, a Bell Operating Company, in April 2011. With the merge to CenturyLink, the company is now the third-largest telecommunications company in the United States. The company provides broadband, voice and wireless services to consumers and businesses across the country. It also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink™ Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. In addition, the company provides data, voice and managed services to business, government and wholesale customers in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers.

CenturyLink Public Relations Manager Jan Kampbell said, "CenturyLink is looking forward to having a local presence in the Port of Centralia's Industrial Park. This really brings home our "local operating model," which places decisions about network, products and offers, and customer service as close to the customer as possible. With eight employees reporting out of this new location and our crews in Vader and Morton, CenturyLink will be able to service all of Lewis County, from Packwood to Pe Ell, from Centralia to Winlock and Vader. This will allow CenturyLink to serve the community locally as well as continue to focus on improving and expanding our voice, data and broadband services."

Port of Centralia Commission Vice-President Art Lehman stated, "In this tough economy I am happy to see companies like CenturyLink still continuing to grow and that the Port had the facilities to assist them." Lehman continued, "We look forward to a long-term relationship with this company."

Founded in 1986, the Port of Centralia operates two industrial parks comprising over 350 acres with over 30 tenants including Michaels, Millard Refrigeration, Sierra Pacific Industries, Dick's Brewing Company and Plastic Services and Products.