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**VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT MAIL**

**RE: Purported Comprehensive Agreement Termination Between Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc. and GTE Midwest ("Verizon")**

Dear Ms. Smith:

MCImetro, as successor to Brooks Fiber Communications of Missouri, Inc, responds to your letter of September 24, 2004.

MCImetro disagrees with your "interpretation" of the Missouri Commission's ruling on how long CenturyTel's interconnection agreement with Brooks must remain in effect. We also disagree with your statement that Brooks Fiber has no facilities and/or services under the existing agreement (although we are unclear what the significance of the statement is). The parties are exchanging traffic under the agreement today, and they have been for quite some time. The parties should continue to exchange traffic under the agreement, unless the agreement is properly terminated or replaced.

Your letter appears to assert the unfounded conclusion that the agreement has already somehow been terminated, rather than give a notice of a desire to terminate. However, we are willing to assume that you intended the letter to serve as notice of intent to terminate. Nonetheless, the Missouri Public Service Commission order regarding the continuation of the agreement in those exchanges purchased by CenturyTel in Missouri is that until a new agreement between both of our companies is agreed to, the ICG CA agreement continues in effect.

Moreover, even under the language of the contract (which is subordinate to the order), you must provide 90 days advance notice of intent to terminate and upon our request for a new agreement the current agreement must remain in effect for up to one year after the

proposed termination date. While we believe that the commitments that CenturyTel made to the Commission regarding its acquisition of the GTE/Verizon exchanges are controlling, we hereby inform you that we want to negotiate a new agreement. We will provide a more detailed request soon.

We fully expect that there will be no interruption in service during the renegotiation process. Accordingly, we demand that you rescind the purported cancellation of our ASR for 480 trunks in Branson. You have 24 hours to confirm that rescission.

As a side note, we also have an Intermedia agreement with CenturyTel, which is also an adoption of the ICG/CA agreement with Verizon. We have not received any correspondence from you regarding this agreement, so we assume you have not sent a similar letter for this agreement.

Please be advised that future notices for either agreement should be given to Peter Reynolds, Director, National Carrier Management and Initiatives:

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Please also let us know when you wish to commence negotiations in Missouri. I will then alert Dayna Garvin, of my staff, as she will be handling these negotiations.

Sincerely,

Peter H. Reynolds

Cc: Dayna Garvin, MCI  
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