

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. IC-2008-0068</u>
)	
Socket Telecom, LLC,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 19, 2007

Effective Date: October 19, 2007

On September 5, 2007, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel), filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Socket Telecom, LLC (Socket). On October 12, 2007, Socket filed its Answer to Complaint and Counterclaim. On October 12, 2007, the Commission issued an order directing the Commission's Staff to investigate and make a recommendation concerning CenturyTel's complaint and Socket's counterclaim, and establishing a deadline of November 13, 2007, for responses to Socket's counterclaim.

On October 17, 2007, Staff filed its recommendation. Staff advised the Commission that, because the complaint and counterclaim involve the interpretation of the parties' currently approved interconnection agreement, rather than a factual dispute or an alleged violation of a rule or statute, scheduling a prehearing conference would be more practicable than conducting an investigation at this time. The Commission finds Staff's

recommendation to be reasonable, but does not want to deny any party the opportunity to fully respond to Socket's counterclaim.

The Commission shall schedule a prehearing conference for a date that is after the deadline to respond to Socket's counterclaim. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions. The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule two weeks after the prehearing conference.

The Commission informs the parties that this prehearing conference is *not* an *evidentiary hearing*. Sworn testimony will not be taken and no final decision will result from this prehearing conference. However, all parties are required to be present for and arrive or phone into the prehearing at or before the scheduled starting time of 10:00 a.m. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090, "Failure to appear at a prehearing conference without previously having secured a continuance shall constitute grounds for dismissal of the parties or the party's complaint, application or other action unless good cause for the failure to appear is shown." As set out below, any party who wishes to attend by telephone will be permitted to do so.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties shall attend a prehearing conference to be held on November 14, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 28, 2007.

3. This order shall become effective on October 19, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of October, 2007.