# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of	)	
Missouri, LLC, for CPI-TS Reduction Waiver in	)	Case No. IE-2007-0077
Accordance with Section 392.245.4(1)(a), RSMo	)	
2006.	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: August 18, 2006 Effective Date: August 18, 2006

On August 16, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed an Application for CPI-TS Reduction Waiver, in which CenturyTel requests a waiver from the requirement to reduce prices in exchange access and basic local telecommunications service in accordance with Section 392.245.4(1)(a), RSMo 2006.

The Commission will issue notice of this application and set a date for other interested parties to file requests to intervene. In addition, the Commission will direct CenturyTel to send notice of the filing to its customers. If no hearing is requested, the Commission may make its determination based on the verified pleadings and recommendations.<sup>1</sup>

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice of this application to all certificated competitive local exchange carriers and to all incumbent local exchange carriers in the state of Missouri.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

- 2. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice of the application to the members of the General Assembly and to the news media serving CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's certificated service area.
- 3. No later than August 25, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, shall send notice of this filing to its customers. Such notice shall include at least the following information:

#### NOTICE

Under current law, if the Consumer Price Index for Telecommunications Services falls, CenturyTel is required to reduce its rates. CenturyTel has asked the Missouri Public Service Commission for a waiver of this requirement. Instead of reducing its rates, CenturyTel proposes to use the revenue from the foregone rate reduction to reduce rates for CenturyTel's Ozark exchange customers in order to facilitate expanded local calling in that exchange. This type of waiver is allowed by statute if the Public Service Commission approves it.

If you would like to comment on this proposed waiver, you may do so by contacting the Public Service Commission or the Office of the Public Counsel no later than September 6 at the following:

Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 1-800-392-4211

Office of the Public Counsel Post Office Box 2230 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 573-751-4857

4. Any party wishing to intervene in this matter must file an application no later than August 28, 2006, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

### and send copies to:

Larry W. Dority
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101 Madison Street, Suite 400
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
Attorney for CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC

#### and to:

Office of the Public Counsel Post Office Box 2230 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230

- 5. Any responses to requests for intervention shall be filed no later than September 8, 2006.
- 6. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation regarding the tariff no later than September 8, 2006.
- 7. Any requests for hearing or responses or recommendations shall be filed no later than September 8, 2006.
- 8. If a hearing becomes necessary, it shall be held on September 12-13, 2006, in the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

9. This order shall become effective on August 18, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 18th day of August, 2006.