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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Re: Case No. TM-2000-471

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed please find the original plus eight (8) copies of Joint Memorandum for filing on behalf of GTE Arkansas Incorporated and CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC in the above referenced matter. Please bring this matter to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel. A copy of this filing is being sent to all parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By: 

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the matter of the Joint Application)
of GTE Arkansas Incorporated and)
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC)
for authority to transfer and acquire part of)
GTE Arkansas Incorporated's franchise,)
facilities or system located in the State)
of Missouri and for issuance of certificates)
of service authority to CenturyTel of)
Northwest Arkansas.)

Case No. TM-2000-471

JOINT MEMORANDUM

Come now GTE Arkansas Incorporated ("GTE") and CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC ("CenturyTel") (also collectively referred to as "Joint Applicants") and for their Joint Memorandum state to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On June 22, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Approving Transfer of Assets and Granting Certificate of Service Authority authorizing GTE to transfer certain assets located in Missouri to CenturyTel and granting a certificate of service authority to provide service in two Missouri exchanges, Pea Ridge and Seligman.
2. In this same Order, the Commission approved tariff sheets with an effective date of July 1, 2000. GTE was directed to file proposed tariff sheets to remove these two exchanges from its tariff.
3. On June 30, counsel for CenturyTel filed a letter with the Commission stating that due to a delay in receiving the necessary Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") approvals and waivers, the closing of the transaction had been delayed. Therefore, CenturyTel voluntarily extended the effective date of the tariff to August 1, 2000.

4. On October 11, 2000, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing in which it directed the parties to file a status update with the Commission no later than October 31 regarding the transactions authorized in the Commission's Order.

5. Joint Applicants hereby state to the Commission that prior to July 31, 2000, the FCC study area waiver was obtained and the transaction authorized by the Commission was closed on July 31, 2000. CenturyTel began providing service in the two exchanges on August 1, 2000, in accordance with its tariff previously approved by the Commission effective August 1 as voluntarily extended. On that same date, GTE ceased to provide service in the two exchanges.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission accept this Joint Memorandum as a status report on the transaction authorized in the Commission's June 22 Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 30th day of October, 2000, to the following parties:

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