

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

STAFF RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF CENTURYTEL’S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its response states:

1. In Case No. IC-2008-0068, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, seeks a Commission determination that its Interconnection Agreement with Socket Telecom does not entitle Socket Telecom to receive reciprocal compensation from CenturyTel of Missouri for terminating Local Traffic.

2. In Case No. IC-2008-0127, Spectra Communications Group, LLC, seeks a Commission determination that its Interconnection Agreement with Socket Telecom does not entitle Socket Telecom to receive reciprocal compensation from Spectra for terminating Local Traffic.

3. CenturyTel of Missouri and Spectra are affiliated and have substantively similar interconnection agreements with Socket Telecom.

4. CenturyTel of Missouri filed a motion to consolidate these two cases.

5. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) provides that the Commission may order a joint hearing when pending actions involve related questions of fact or law, and may make other orders concerning cases before it to avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

6. As CenturyTel's motion explains, these two cases involve related questions of law and fact, and consolidating these cases will avoid unnecessary costs and delay.

WHEREFORE, the Staff supports CenturyTel's motion to consolidate.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 31st day of October 2007.

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