BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Request for Competitive Classification Pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo (2005)

Case No. IO-2006-0316

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

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Issue Date: February 3, 2006 Effective Date: February 3, 2006

On February 1, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed a Motion for Protective Order. In its motion, CenturyTel indicates that it needs to protect highly confidential and proprietary financial information from disclosure during the course of these proceedings. CenturyTel requests that the Commission issue its standard protective order to protect that information.

Upon review of CenturyTel's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that the request for a protective order is reasonable.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The protective order attached to this order (Attachment A) is adopted.

2. This order shall become effective on February 3, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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 3rd day of February, 2006.