

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, for Review)
and Reversal of the North American)
Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision)
to Withhold Numbering Resources for the)
Foley, Holstein and Wright City, Missouri)
Rate Centers)

Case No. IO-2007-0160

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") filed an application with NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator of the North American Numbering Plan ("Pooling Administrator") to obtain 1,000 blocks of telephone numbers to implement Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") in the CenturyTel rate centers of Foley, Holstein and Wright City. The Pooling Administrator denied CenturyTel's request because CenturyTel's utilization rate did not meet the required utilization rate. CenturyTel now seeks review of the Pooling Administrator's decision.

2. This Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyTel if the Commission determines that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Without an Order from the Commission approving CenturyTel's request to receive the desired NPA/NXX codes in the Foley, Holstein and Wright City rate centers, CenturyTel will be unable to implement the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation*

and Agreement and Order Directing Filing of May 18, 2006 in Case No. TO-2005-0141 (In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the St. Louis MCA Plan). Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order overturning the Pooling Administrator's decision.

4. Staff expects that the Pooling Administrator will issue the numbers in 10,000 blocks because no 1,000 blocks are available in the pool for the relevant rate centers, but CenturyTel only requires 1,000 numbers in each rate center. Thus, Staff also recommends that the Commission direct CenturyTel, within 30 days of receiving the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes, to return to the Pooling Administrator 9,000 telephone numbers in each of the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes issued for the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers. CenturyTel should submit a pleading in this case informing the that the numbers have been returned, and include a copy of the Pooling Administrator Part 3 form verifying return of the unused telephone numbers.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission, at its earliest convenience, issue an order that:

- (1) determines that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies;
- (2) reverses the decision of the Pooling Administrator and approves CenturyTel's request for blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Foley, Holstein and Wright City exchanges, for the expansion of the MCA in Case No. TO-2005-0141.
- (3) directs CenturyTel, within 30 days of receiving the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes, to return to the Pooling Administrator 9,000 telephone numbers in each of the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes issued for the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers, and submit a pleading in this case informing the that the numbers have been

returned, and include a copy of the Pooling Administrator Part 3 form verifying return of the unused telephone numbers.

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 14th day of November 2006.

/s/ David A. Meyer

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. IO-2007-0160

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel)

From: Sara Buyak
Telecommunications Department

William Voight 11-13-06
Utility Operations Division/Date

David A. Meyer 11-13-06
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve CenturyTel's Request for a block of one thousand telephone numbers for each rate center to implement the new Tier 6 of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA)

Date: November 14, 2006

SUMMARY: CenturyTel has requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) approve its request for one block of one thousand telephone numbers for each of the following rate centers: Foley, Holstein, and Wright City to implement the new Tier 6 of the St. Louis MCA. CenturyTel is required to use segregated and dedicated NXX codes to provide customers non-MCA/MCA service. CenturyTel states that new customers subscribing to the MCA will need to change their telephone numbers to a MCA-designated telephone number for the new Tier 6. This memorandum recommends approval of CenturyTel's request.

BACKGROUND: On October 18, 2006, CenturyTel filed with the Commission a request for one block of one thousand telephone numbers for each of the following rate centers in Foley, Holstein, and Wright City. CenturyTel states that it was denied the request by the Pooling Administrator for an NXX with one block of one thousand telephone numbers in each of the rate centers because the utilization rate is below the required 75% as set forth in Regulation 47-CFR 52.15 (A)(iii)(B)(h)¹. CenturyTel requests the Commission review and reverse the decision of the Pooling Administrator.

CenturyTel states that it submitted the necessary worksheets to the Pooling Administrator, and offers copies of those documents as Exhibits A, B, and C to its application in this Case. CenturyTel was denied the additional telephone numbers because it did not meet the necessary requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission. CenturyTel does have unused telephone numbers available for the non-MCA in the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers; however, it is unable to use the spare numbers because of Missouri's MCA. CenturyTel states that the MCA plan requires use of segregated NXX codes which requires a minimum of two codes per telephone exchange - one code for MCA telephone numbers, and an additional code for non-MCA telephone numbers. Therefore, CenturyTel seeks the additional numbers to service the future needs of customers requiring

¹ Code of Federal Regulations Title 47-Telecommunication Chapter I – Federal Communications Commission, Subchapter B – Common Carrier Services, Part 52 Numbering.

MCA numbers.

RECOMMENDATION: CenturyTel does not meet requirements for additional telephone numbers because the utilization rate is below the 75%. However, CenturyTel does not have one block of one thousand telephone numbers for (314) in each of the following rate centers for the MCA: Foley, Holstein, and Wright City. Further, since there are no 1,000 blocks available in the pool for the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers, the Pooling Administrator must assign a new NPA/NXX block of 10,000 telephone numbers for each rate center.

Staff recommends approval of CenturyTel's request to receive a NPA/NXX code of 10,000 telephone numbers for each of the following rate centers: Foley, Holstein, and Wright City. Consistent with industry established numbering conservation measures, the Staff recommends the Commission order CenturyTel to return to the Pooling Administrator all but three 1,000 blocks in each of the NPA/NXXs in the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers to service the needs of customers in the new tier 6 of the St. Louis MCA. Therefore, the Staff recommends language in the Commission's order be substantially as follows:

1. Within 30 days of receiving the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes, CenturyTel is directed to return to the Pooling Administrator 9,000 telephone numbers in each of the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes issued for the Foley, Holstein, and Wright City rate centers.
2. CenturyTel is directed to submit a Pleading in Case No. IO-2007-0160 informing the Commission of item 1 above. Such Pleading is to include a copy of the Pooling Administrator Part 3 form verifying return of the unused telephone numbers.

Staff is unaware of any other filing that may affect or be affected by this filing.

☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.

☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.

☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)

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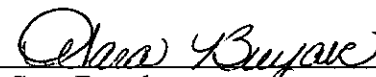
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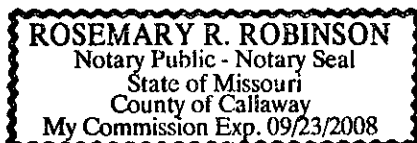
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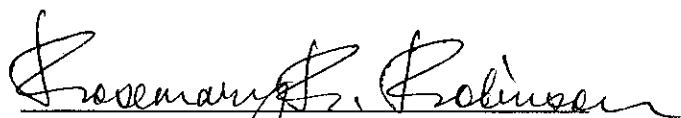
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Sara Buyak, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in the preparation of the accompanying staff recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.


Sara Buyak

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 13th day of November, 2006
I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole,
State of Missouri and my commission expires on 9-23-2008




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