

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

In the Matter of Spectra Communications Group,)
LLC d/b/a CenturyTel's Request for Competitive) Case No. IO-2007-0439
Classification Pursuant to Section 392.245.5 RSMo)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On May 17, 2007, Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel ("Spectra") filed its verified Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo Cum. Supp. 2005. In its Application, which includes revised tariff sheets with an effective date of June 16, 2007, Spectra requests that the Commission classify the business services it offers in its Mount Vernon exchange, other than exchange access services, as competitive. Spectra also requests that the Commission classify the residential services Spectra offers in its Brunswick, Cameron, Golden City, Greenfield, Lawson, Mountain Grove, and Sarcoxie exchanges, other than exchange access services, as competitive. On June 1, 2007, Spectra amended its application to delete its request for competitive classification for its business services in Mount Vernon.

2. The Commission directed the Staff to investigate this matter and to file any objections and a verified recommendation regarding this matter no later than June 1, 2007.

3. Based upon its investigation, the Staff states that it is currently unable to independently confirm that there are at least two (2) qualifying carriers serving Spectra's Mountain Grove exchange who are not affiliated with Spectra but provide basic local phone service to residential customers in that exchange.

4. Based upon its investigation, the Staff states that there are at least two (2) qualifying carriers serving Spectra's Brunswick, Cameron, Golden City, Greenfield, Lawson,

and Sarcoxie exchanges who are not affiliated with Spectra but provide basic local phone service to residential customers located within those exchanges. In addition, the competing carriers have local numbers available for use by residential customers in those exchanges. The Staff recommends competitive classification for Spectra's residential services in these exchanges.

5. The Commission's scheduling order provides that if an objection is filed, testimony is due June 4, 2007. Although no objections have been filed, the Staff will explain its investigation in testimony.

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 1st day of June 2007.

/s/ William K. Haas

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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL SCHEPERLE

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Michael Scheperle, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying Staff Recommendation and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Michael Scheperle
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, 2007. I am commissioned as a Notary Public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri, and my commission expires on

June 7, 2008



[Signature]
Notary Public