

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day of
December, 2006.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of)	
Missouri, LLC, for Review and Reversal of the North)	
American Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision)	<u>Case No. IO-2007-0160</u>
to Withhold Numbering Resources for the Foley,)	
Holstein and Wright City, Missouri Rate Centers)	

**ORDER OVERTURNING NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: December 19, 2006

Effective Date: December 19, 2006

On October 18, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., to withhold certain numbering resources from CenturyTel in the form of one new NXX code with one block of 1,000 numbers for each of the following CenturyTel rate centers necessary for implementation of the new Tier 6 of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan¹: Foley, Holstein and Wright City, Missouri.

In its October 24, 2006, Order, the Commission directed any other party that wished to file an application to intervene or request a hearing, to do so no later than November 13, 2006. The Staff of the Commission was directed to file a recommendation regarding CenturyTel's application by November 22, 2006. In addition, the Commission

also allowed any other party that wished to file a recommendation to do so no later than December 1, 2006.

Staff filed its recommendation on November 14, 2006. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed. Staff recommended 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, and submit a pleading in this case informing that the numbers have been returned, and include a copy of the Pooling Administrator Part 3 form verifying return of the unused telephone numbers.

The Commission has the authority to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4), which states in part, "The state commission also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies."

Based on Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission overturns NANPA's decision and approves CenturyTel's request to receive one new NXX code with one block of 1,000 numbers for each of the following CenturyTel rate centers necessary for implementation of the new Tier

¹ Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Order Directing Filing, May 18, 2006, Case No. TO-2005-0141; May 18, 2006, Case No. TO-2005-0141; Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation, June 27, 2006, Case No. TO-2005-0141, Tariff No. YI-2006-0946.

6 of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan: Foley, Holstein and Wright City, Missouri.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC is overturned.
2. CenturyTel's request to receive one new NXX code with one block of 1,000 numbers for each of the following CenturyTel rate centers necessary for implementation of the new Tier 6 of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan: Foley, Holstein and Wright City, Missouri, is granted.
3. Within 30 days of receiving the three 10,000 NPA/NXX codes, CenturyTel shall 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 that the numbers have been returned, and include a copy of the Pooling Administrator Part 3 form verifying return of the unused telephone numbers.
4. This order shall become effective December 19, 2006.
5. This case may be closed on December 20, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw,
Clayton, and Appling, CC., concur.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge