

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

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri,)	
LLC's Request for Competitive Classification)	
of Business Services in Certain Exchanges)	Case No. IO-2009-0124
Pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo, as)	Tariff No. YI-2009-0240
Amended by H.B. 1779.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. On October 3, 2008, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo, as amended by H.B. 1779. In its application, CenturyTel requests that the Commission classify all of CenturyTel's business services, other than exchange access service, in the following exchanges: (1) Ava, (2) Cabool, (3) Cassville, (4) Crane, (5) Exeter, (6) Forsyth, (7) Kimberling City, (8) Mansfield, (9) Marshfield, (10) Rockaway Beach, and (11) Seymour. Concurrent with its application, CenturyTel filed a tariff amendment with an effective date of November 2, 2008.

2. As amended, Section 392.245.5 RSMo. (2008) states, in part:

5. Each telecommunications service offered to business customers, other than exchange access service, of an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company regulated under this section shall be classified as competitive in any exchange in which at least two non-affiliated entities in addition to the incumbent local exchange company are providing basic local telecommunications service to business **or residential** customers within the exchange. (emphasis added).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff summarizes its review and recommends approval.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve CenturyTel's application and revised tariff sheets effective November 2, 2008.

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 20th day of October 2008.

/s/ William K. Haas

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. IO-2009-0124
Tariff File No. YI-2009-0240
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC

From: William Voight
Telecommunications Department

Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets Designating Business Telephone Service in Certain Telephone Exchange Areas to be Deemed Competitive

Date: October 20, 2008

On October 3, 2008 CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel) filed an application to receive competitive classification for business telephone service in the Ava, Cabool, Cassville, Crane, Exter, Forsyth, Kimberling City, Mansfield, Marshfield, Rockaway Beach and Seymore telephone exchange areas. CenturyTel's filing is made pursuant to Subsection 392.245.5, which permits Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers to receive competitive classification for business service when residential service was previously found to be competitive. According to the most recent MoPSC annual reports, these exchange areas continue to show the presence of at least one qualifying competitor, and the staff is unaware of any wireless provider withdrawing from any exchange.¹

The Staff has no objections to the company's filing and recommends the following tariff sheets be permitted to take effect on November 2, 2008.

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 4th Revised Sheet 1, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet 1
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet 17.1.1 Canceling Original Sheet 17.1.1
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 3rd Revised Sheet 17.4, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet 17.4
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 3rd Revised Sheet 17.5, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet 17.5
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet 17.5.2, Canceling Original Sheet 17.5.2
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 2nd Revised Sheet 17.6.2, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet 17.6.2
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 3rd Revised Sheet 17.7, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet 17.7
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 3rd Revised Sheet 17.8, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet 17.8
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 3rd Revised Sheet 17.9, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet 17.9
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet 17.9.1, Canceling Original Sheet 17.9.1
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 2nd Revised Sheet 17.10.1, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet 17.10.1
P.S.C. Mo. No. 1, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet 17.10.2, Canceling Original Sheet 17.10.2

¹ The one exception for a qualifying landline competitor is Rockaway Beach, which was granted competitive status in Case No. IO-2008-0243, based in part on the presence of Suddenlink, which has never filed a PSC annual report.

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Spectra has made a similar filing in Case No. IO-2009-0125. Other than Spectra's filing, the Staff is unaware of any other matter that affects, or that would be affected by, this matter.

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AFFIDAVIT OF William Voight

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

William Voight, employee of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he/she has participated in preparing the accompanying Staff Recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Bill Voight

WILLIAM VOIGHT

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 20th day of October 2008.



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
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