

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

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's Application)
for a Commission Finding that 55 Percent of CenturyTel)
of Missouri, LLC's Total Subscriber Access Lines are) **Case No. IO-2009-0216**
Located in Exchanges Where Services Have)
Been Declared Competitive)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY AN
ORDER GRANTING COMPETITIVE
CLASSIFICATION SHOULD NOT BE ISSUED**

Issue Date: December 10, 2008

Effective Date: December 10, 2008

On August 28, 2008, HB 1779 became effective. Under Section 392.245.5(7) of the legislation, an incumbent local exchange carrier will be deemed competitive and no longer subject to price cap regulation once the Commission makes a finding that 55% or more of the company's total subscriber access lines are in exchanges where the company's services have been designated as "competitive."

On November 20, 2008, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC filed an application for Declaration of Competitive Status. CenturyTel stated that 55% or more of its total subscriber access lines are in exchanges where its services have been declared competitive. CenturyTel further stated the company has met the statutory standard to be deemed competitive under Section 392.245.5(7).

On December 9, 2008 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed their Staff Recommendation. Staff reviewed CenturyTel's filing and made no objections to granting CenturyTel status as a competitively classified company and approving CenturyTel's proposed tariff filings. Staff stated CenturyTel easily meets the criteria that


55% or more of its access lines are in exchanges where its services have been declared competitive.

The Commission will allow interested persons an opportunity to show cause why an order granting competitive classification should not be issued for CenturyTel.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Interested persons shall file a statement, no later than December 22, 2008, showing cause why the Commission should not issue an order granting competitive classification to CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Colleen M. Dale, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of December, 2008.