

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

In The Matter of Spectra Communications)
Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel's Request) Case No. IO-2006-0108
for Competitive Classification Pursuant to)
Section 392.245.5, RSMo. (2005).)

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF
SPECTRA COMMUNICATIONS GROUP, LLC D/B/A CENTURYTEL,
COMMISSION STAFF, AND THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL**

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.115, Spectra Communications Group, LLC D/B/A CenturyTel ("Spectra"), Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel")(collectively the "Signatory Parties") submit this Joint Recommendation as a proposed resolution of the above-captioned case.

1. On September 9, 2005, Spectra filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo. In its application, Spectra requested that the Commission classify all of its residential services, other than exchange access service, as competitive for the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, (d) Macon, and (e) Savannah. In addition, Spectra requested competitive classification of all its business services, other than exchange access service, in the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, and (d) Macon.

2. On September 19, 2005, Staff submitted its Staff Recommendation and Objection with supporting memorandum and schedules, including the Direct Testimony of John Van Eschen. The Staff Recommendation and Objection recommended that the Commission grant Spectra's request for competitive status for both business and residential service in the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, and (d) Macon. The Staff Recommendation and Objection filed on September 19, 2005,

also objected to competitive classification of Spectra's residential service in the Savannah exchange, pending further investigation by Staff.

3. On September 21, 2005, Spectra filed the Direct Testimony of Arthur Martinez which supported Spectra's Application For Competitive Classification, including residential service in the Savannah Exchange.

4. On September 22, 2005, Staff filed its PreTrial Brief, List of Issues and Proposed Findings of Fact And Conclusions of Law in which it recommended approval of Spectra's Application For Competitive Classification, including residential service in the Savannah exchange. In addition, on September 23, 2005, Staff filed Supplemental Direct Testimony of John Van Eschen which recommended approval of Spectra's Application For Competitive Classification, including residential service in the Savannah exchange.

Joint Recommendation

As a result of discussions among the Staff, Public Counsel, and Spectra, the Signatory Parties hereby submit to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for its consideration and approval this Joint Recommendation as follows:

Based upon the competent and substantial evidence in this proceeding, the Signatory Parties jointly recommend that the Commission grant Spectra's Application For Competitive Classification, pursuant to Section 392.45.5 RSMo 2005, and classify Spectra's residential services, other than exchange access service, as competitive services in the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, (d) Macon, and (e) Savannah. In addition, the Signatory Parties jointly recommend that the Commission classify Spectra's business services, other than exchange access service, as competitive

services in the following exchanges: (a) Ewing, (b) LaBelle, (c) Lewistown, and (d) Macon.

Respectfully submitted,

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I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 23rd day of September, 2005, to all counsel of record.

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