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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
301 W. High Street, Room 530
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: In the Matter of the Joint Application of GTE Arkansas Incorporated and
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC , Case No. TM-2000-471

Dear Mr. Roberts:

This is in reference to my letter of June 28, 2000 wherein GTE Arkansas Incorporated canceled and withdrew all tariffs for the exchanges of Pea Ridge (Jacket) and Seligman, Missouri based upon its understanding that the Commission had approved the tariffs filed by CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC which were to become effective immediately thereafter.


I am now in receipt of a letter from Sondra B. Morgan on behalf of CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC wherein she indicates that, due to a delay in receiving the necessary Federal Communications Commission approvals and waivers, the closing of the transaction has been delayed and she has requested that the effective date of the tariffs now be August 1, 2000. In light of this delay, GTE Arkansas Incorporated hereby requests that its tariffs be kept in effect for the Pea Ridge (Jacket) and Seligman, Missouri exchanges through and until the effective date of the tariffs of CenturyTel Northwest Arkansas. Upon the effective date of those tariffs, GTE Arkansas Incorporated hereby requests that said tariffs be canceled and withdrawn.

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Please advise the undersigned if the Commission has any questions or concerns regarding this matter. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing this matter to the attention of the Commission.

Very truly yours,


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cc: William R. England, III
Sondra B. Morgan
Office of Public Counsel