

**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, 2005.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of	)	
Missouri, LLC, for Review and Reversal of North	)	
American Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision	)	<b><u>Case No. IO-2006-0195</u></b>
to Withhold Numbering Resources for the Wentzville,	)	
Missouri, Rate Center.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES**

Issue Date: December 19, 2005

Effective Date: December 29, 2005

On November 3, 2005, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed an application asking the Commission to reverse the decision of Neustar, Inc., the North American Number Plan Administrator, denying CenturyTel's request for additional numbering resources. CenturyTel sought the additional resources in order to provide basic local telecommunications service in the Wentzville rate center on a Metropolitan Calling Area Plan basis.

In its application, CenturyTel explains that the Commission requires that it use segregated and dedicated NXX codes to provide non-MCA and MCA services in a particular rate center. CenturyTel currently provides MCA services in the Wentzville rate center but is nearing the exhaust of its current MCA numbering resources. CenturyTel has submitted an application to the NANPA for an additional block of 1,000 numbers for the Wentzville rate center. That application was denied because CenturyTel did not meet the

required federal guidelines. The NANPA informed CenturyTel that its request for additional numbers would not be granted absent a state waiver.

On November 29, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a statement in support of CenturyTel's application. In its statement, the Public Counsel also urged the Commission to seek clarification from the Federal Communications Commission regarding the NANPA's interpretation of FCC orders and rules and, if necessary, to seek a waiver from the FCC.

Staff filed its Recommendation and Memorandum on December 7, 2005. Staff agrees that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Staff recommends that the Commission grant CenturyTel's request, reverse the decision of NANPA, and direct NANPA to issue CenturyTel a new block of 1,000 numbers for the Wentzville rate center. In addition, Staff recommends that the Commission direct CenturyTel to assign the numbers sequentially. No other response to the application or to Staff's recommendation was received.

The Commission is given the authority to overturn a decision of the NANPA by 47 C.F.R. Section 52.15(g)(4), which provides, in pertinent 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 the review of the verified application and the recommendation of Staff, the Commission determines that CenturyTel has demonstrated a "verifiable need" for the numbering resources in question and that it has "exhausted all other available remedies." The record shows that unless its request is granted, CenturyTel will not be able to meet the needs of its customers for MCA service. For that reason, the Commission will override the

determination of the NANPA. The Commission will also direct CenturyTel to assign the block of 1,000 numbers sequentially.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed on November 3, 2005, is granted.
2. That the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator to deny CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's request to receive a block of 1,000 telephone numbers for the Wentzville rate center is overturned.
3. That Neustar, Inc., shall release to CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, a block of 1,000 telephone numbers for the Wentzville rate center.
4. That CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, shall sequentially assign the block of 1,000 telephone numbers.
5. That this order shall become effective on December 29, 2005.
6. That this case may be closed on December 30, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge