

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)	<u>Case No. IO-2009-0124</u>
Certain Exchanges Pursuant to Section 392.245.5,)	Tariff No. YI-2009-0240
RSMo, as Amended by H.B. 1779.)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 7, 2008

Effective Date: October 7, 2008

On October 3, 2008, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed its Application for Competitive Classification pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo.¹ 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) Rockaway Beach, and (10) Seymour. Concurrent with its application, CenturyTel filed a tariff amendment with an effective date of November 2, 2008.

Upon the filing of a petition of a company subject to regulation under Section 392.245 for competitive classification pursuant to Subsection 392.245.5, the Commission must determine if "there are at least two entities providing basic local telecommunications service in an exchange and if so" the Commission shall approve the application and tariffs within 30 days. Because of the need to proceed expeditiously, the Commission will issue notice, set a time for any objections to the application or requests for

¹ Section 392.245 was recently amended by H.B. 1779, effective August 28, 2008. All statutory citations are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri as amended by H.B. 1779, unless otherwise indicated.

a hearing to be filed, and set a time for a recommendation from the Staff of the Commission. If no proper person requests a hearing, the Commission may make its decision based on the verified application and other filings in the case.²

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send notice of this application to all certificated competitive local exchange carriers and to all incumbent local exchange carriers in the state of Missouri.

2. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall provide notice of the application to the members of the General Assembly and to the news media.

3. Any party wishing to object to this application or to request a hearing in this matter must file a request to do so no later than October 14, 2008, with:

Colleen M. Dale, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

and send copies to:

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² *State ex rel. Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Comm'n*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 495-496 (Mo. App. 1989).

4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a recommendation or any objections to the petition no later than October 20, 2008.

5. This order is effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of October, 2008.