

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

In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of)	
the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to)	
Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union,)	Case No. TO-2005-0141
Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort,)	
Foley, and Warrenton.)	

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING

COME NOW CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively referred to herein as the "Movants"), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080, and for their Joint Motion for Extension of Time for Filing respectfully state as follows:

1. On February 27, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing ("Order") in this proceeding which ordered CenturyTel and OPC to file their agreement, or a statement as to why no such agreement will be filed, no later than March 1, 2006. The Order further stated that if no agreement is filed by March 1, 2006, the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule, including a date for hearing, no later than March 6, 2006.

2. As noted in the Order, both CenturyTel and OPC previously have advised the Commission that they were negotiating a stipulation and agreement to resolve the underlying issues associated with the CenturyTel exchanges in this matter and, during the hearing held on February 21, 2006, had expressed the expectation that such agreement could be filed by a March 1 date. Regretfully, details of the proposed resolutions of these complex matters are still being addressed, and the Movants respectfully request additional time to make the ordered filings.

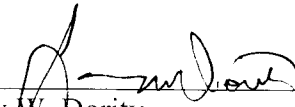
3. Movants appreciate the patience of the Commission and the other parties as these matters have progressed, and the filing of this Motion is in no way meant to cause unnecessary delay in bringing this proceeding to closure. However, considerable time and effort have been expended by Movants to date in attempting to reach a complete resolution of these matters, and an additional two weeks should not harm any party.

4. The Movants state that they will not be able to meet the current dates for filings, and Movants respectfully request that the Commission issue an order directing CenturyTel and OPC to file an agreement, or a statement as to why no such agreement will be filed, no later than March 15, 2006. If no agreement is filed by March 15, 2006, then the parties be directed to file a proposed procedural schedule, including a date for hearing, no later than March 22, 2006.


WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully request that the Commission issue an order extending the time for filing, and order new dates for filings as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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