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Missouri Public Commission
P.O. Box 360
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Subject: GTE MIDWEST INCORPORATED D/B/A VERIZON MIDWEST –
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY NO. 2302077

Dear Sir:

GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest ("Verizon Midwest") is filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission a request to relinquish its certificate of service authority as referenced above. Verizon Midwest filed and received approval to sell certain of its Missouri facilities including 96 exchanges to Century Tel of Missouri LLC (CenturyTel). This application was effective on May 31, 2002, granting CenturyTel a certificate of service authority which authorized it to provide local exchange telecommunications services in Missouri formerly provided by Verizon Midwest.

Verizon Midwest has met the annual reporting requirements by filing both the Statement of Revenue and Annual Report for this entity for 2004 and no longer has any customers in this jurisdiction.

If you need to request further information or have questions regarding this filing, you can call Lisa McLaughlin at (512) 370-4215.

Sincerely,

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c: David Meyer – Legal – Missouri PSC

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Subject: GTE ARKANSAS INCORPORATED D/B/A VERIZON ARKANSAS –
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE AUTHORITY NO. 2303376

Dear Sir:

GTE Arkansas Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Arkansas ("Verizon Arkansas") is filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission to relinquish its certificate of service authority as referenced above. Verizon Arkansas filed and received approval to sell part of its franchise, facilities and system located in Missouri to CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC (CenturyTel). This application was approved on June 22, 2000 granting CenturyTel a certificate of service authority authorizing it to provide local exchange telecommunications services in two exchanges formerly served by Verizon.

Verizon Arkansas has met the annual reporting requirements by filing both the Statement of Revenue and Annual Report for this entity for 2004 and no longer has any customers in this jurisdiction.

If you need to request further information or have questions regarding this filing, you can call Lisa McLaughlin at (512) 370-4215.

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