OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of)	
Missouri, LLC, for CPI-TS Reduction Waiver in)	Case No. IE-2007-0077
Accordance with Section 392.245.4(1)(a), RSMo)	
2006.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: August 18, 2006 Effective Date: August 18, 2006

On August 16, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, filed an Application for CPI-TS Reduction Waiver, in which CenturyTel requests a waiver from the requirement to reduce prices in exchange access and basic local telecommunications service in accordance with Section 392.245.4(1)(a), RSMo 2006. On the same date, CenturyTel filed a Motion for Protective Order. In support of the motion, CenturyTel states that the filing and Commission review of its application will necessarily involve company-specific information that may include competitive pricing data, marketing analyses and strategies, and other confidential or proprietary technical, financial, and business information, the public disclosure of which would be harmful to CenturyTel. CenturyTel states further that none of the information for which a claim of confidentiality is made can be found in any format in any other public document.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that it complies with 4 CSR 240-2.085 and shall be granted. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential and proprietary information, and the issuance of protective orders has

helped to minimize disputes in past cases. The Commission will adopt its standard protective order for this case.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, on August 16, 2006, is granted and the Protective Order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted for this case.
 - 2. This order shall become effective on August 18, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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 18th day of August, 2006.