

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

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's)	Case No. IO-2007-0440
Request for Competitive Classification Pursuant to)	Tariff File No. JI-2007-0839
Section 392.245.5 RSMo)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. In the attached Memorandum, the Staff states that the substituted tariff sheets filed by CenturyTel in Tariff File No. JI-2007-0839 are consistent with CenturyTel's Application, as amended, and with the Staff's recommendation as set forth in its Direct Testimony

WHEREFORE, the Staff has no objection to and recommends approval of the substituted tariff sheets effective June 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Tariff File No. JI-2007-0839 Case No. IO-2007-0440

From: Mike Scheperle
Telecommunications Department

Natelle Dietrich / 6-7-07
Utility Operations Division/Date

/s/ William K Haas / 6-7-07
General Counsel's Office/Date

Subject: Recommendation to approve CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, (CenturyTel) tariff filing related to amended Application requesting 30-day competitive classification.

Date: 6-7-07

Summary:

Staff recommends the Commission approve PSC MO. NO. 1 of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel) which reflects competitive classification of its residential services for the Bourbon, Cabool, Cassville, Cuba, Forsyth, Kimberling City and Mansfield exchanges (other than exchange access service) and competitive classification of its business services (other than exchange access service) in the Branson, Ozark and Troy exchanges.

Body:

On May 17, 2007, CenturyTel, an incumbent local exchange carrier (ILEC), filed an Application requesting competitive classification for residential services, other than exchange access service, in the Bourbon, Branson, Cabool, Cassville, Cuba, Forsyth, Kimberling City, Mansfield and Troy exchanges and requesting competitive classification for business services, other than exchange access service, in the Branson, Crane, Marshfield, Ozark and Troy exchanges. On June 1, 2007, CenturyTel amended its Application to delete its request for competitive classification for its business services in the Crane and Marshfield exchanges and to delete its request for competitive classification for its residential services in the Branson exchange. On June 4, 2007, CenturyTel amended its Application to delete its request for competitive classification for its residential services in the Troy exchange.

CenturyTel requested that competitive classification be granted pursuant to the thirty day section of Section 392.245.5, RSMo (Supp. 2005).

Also, CenturyTel made a tariff filing to classify residential services, other than exchange access service, in the Bourbon, Cabool, Cassville, Cuba, Forsyth, Kimberling City and Mansfield exchanges, as competitive and to classify business services, other than exchange access services, in

the Branson, Ozark and Troy exchanges, as competitive. The tariff filing has an effective date of June 16, 2007. The instant tariff filing has no rate changes for any service offered in the exchanges. Substitute sheets were filed on June 7, 2007, to reflect the changes made in the amended application.

On June 4, 2007, Staff filed Direct Testimony and five schedules in its investigation recommending the Commission grant CenturyTel's Application for classifying its residential services, other than exchange access service, as competitive in the Bourbon, Cabool, Cassville, Cuba, Forsyth, Kimberling City and Mansfield exchanges and recommending the Commission grant CenturyTel's Application for classifying its business services, other than exchange access services, as competitive in the Branson, Ozark and Troy exchanges as meeting the requirements of the applicable statute, Section 392.245.5 RSMo.

Conclusion:

Staff has no objections to this tariff filing and recommends the Commission approve the following substituted tariff sheets effective June 16, 2007:

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC PSC MO. NO. 1, Section 4

2nd Revised Sheet 1 Replacing 1st Revised Sheet 1

Original Sheet 17.2

Original Sheet 17.3

Original Sheet 17.4

Original Sheet 17.5

Original Sheet 17.6

Original Sheet 17.7

Original Sheet 17.8

Original Sheet 17.9

Original Sheet 17.10

Original Sheet 17.11

Original Sheet 17.12

- ☒ The Company is not delinquent in filing an annual report and paying the PSC assessment.
☐ The Company is delinquent. Staff recommends the Commission grant the requested relief/action on the condition the applicant corrects the delinquency. The applicant should be instructed to make the appropriate filing in this case after it has corrected the delinquency.
(☐ No annual report ☐ Unpaid PSC assessment. Amount owed:)

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AFFIDAVIT OF Michael S. Scheperle

STATE OF MISSOURI

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COUNTY OF COLE

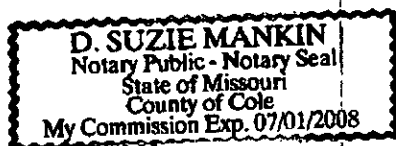
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Michael S. Scheperle, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that he has participated in the preparation of the accompanying document, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Michael Scheperle
Michael S. Scheperle

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 7th day of June 2007

I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri
and my commission expires on July 1, 2008



D. Suzie Mankin
NOTARY PUBLIC