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3. In this proceeding, the Commission is considering public policies related to signaling protocols, call records, trunk arrangements and traffic measurement. As a telecommunications company, CenturyTel may be affected by public policies established in this proceeding. In particular, public policies involving the signaling protocols, call records, trunk arrangements, traffic measurement and other related issues of importance to the telecommunications industry as a whole are likely to be considered in this proceeding. As a result, CenturyTel has an interest in this proceeding that is different from that of the general public.

4. For the above-stated reasons, CenturyTel's interest in this proceeding is different from that of the general public and cannot be represented by any other party to these proceedings. Actions taken by the Commission in this proceeding may substantially affect CenturyTel's legal interests.

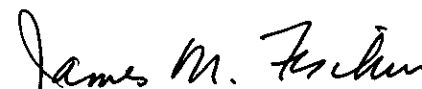
5. CenturyTel's participation will aid the Commission in resolving the issues raised in this proceeding. Consequently, CenturyTel's intervention and participation will promote the public interest.

6. CenturyTel will accept the record in this proceeding as it finds it and will participate in the proceeding under the existing procedural schedule. Since there is insufficient information currently available to identify all issues that may arise in this proceeding in the future which will affect CenturyTel's interests, CenturyTel reserves its right to state its position and participate with regard to any matter or issue arising in this proceeding.

7. Although the intervention date in this proceeding has passed, CenturyTel believes that there is good cause for its late intervention since CenturyTel recently closed its purchase of the local exchange property previously owned by Verizon Midwest on August 30, 2002, and, as a result, its interests may now be affected by this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C. respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order authorizing it to intervene in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

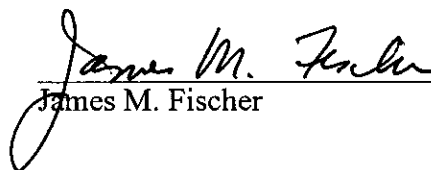


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record this 3rd day of October, 2002.


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