## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a ) AT&T Missouri`s Revision to its General Exchange Tariff, ) PSC Mo. No. 35 Regarding Provision of 811 Service )

Case No. IT-2007-0187 Tariff No. JI-2007-0260

## ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO FILE AMICUS BRIEF

Issue Date: January 23, 2007 Effective Date: January 23, 2007

On December 22, 2006, the Commission set the briefing schedule for this matter. The Commission ordered one round of post-hearing briefs with no reply briefs that would be due no later than January 17, 2007.

On January 17, 2007, CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C., Spectra Communications Group L.L.C d/b/a CenturyTel and Windstream Missouri, Inc., (collectively "Petitioners") filed a petition seeking leave to file an *Amicus* brief in support of approval of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri's tariff. Petitioners submitted their *Amicus* brief concurrently with their request.

Commission Rule 4 CSR-2.075.6 provides:

Any person not a party to a case may petition the commission for leave to file a brief as an *amicus curiae*. The petition for leave must state the petitioner's interest in the matter and explain why an *amicus* brief is desirable and how the matters asserted are relevant to the determination of the case. The brief may be submitted simultaneously with the petition. Unless otherwise ordered by the commission, the brief must be filed no later than the initial briefs of the parties. If leave to file a brief as an *amicus curiae* is granted, the brief shall be deemed filed on the date submitted. An *amicus curiae* may not file a reply brief.

On January 18, 2007, the Commission set the deadline for responses to this petition for January 22, 2007. No party has objected to Petitioner's participation in this case as *amici*, and Petitioner's request is in compliance with 4 CSR-2.075.6. Consequently, the Commission will grant Petitioner's leave to file their *Amicus* brief.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. CenturyTel of Missouri, L.L.C.'s, Spectra Communications Group L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyTel's and Windstream Missouri, Inc.'s, petition seeking leave to file an *Amicus* brief in this matter is granted and their Amicus brief is received into the record.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on January 23, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 23rd day of January, 2007.