

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

In the Matter of Spectra Communications Group,)
LLC d/b/a CenturyTel's Request for Competitive)
Classification Pursuant to Section 392.245.5, RSMo)
(2005))

Case No. IO-2006-0108

STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND OBJECTION

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

1. This case involves an application by Spectra Communications Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel for competitive classification of its residential and/or business services in certain exchanges under the 30-day track of Section 392.245.5 RSMo, as amended by Senate Bill 237.

2. The Commission's scheduling order directs the Staff to file a recommendation or any objections no later than September 19, 2005. The order further directs that if an objection is filed, then testimony is due from all parties on September 21, 2005.

3. Spectra's application asks for competitive classification for residential services, other than exchange access service for the Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown, Macon and Savannah exchanges. Spectra's application asks for competitive classification for business services, other than exchange access services, in the Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown and Macon exchanges.

4. The Staff is currently unable to confirm that a wireline competitor is providing local voice service to residential customers in the Savannah exchange. At this time, the Staff objects to a competitive classification for residential services in the Savannah exchange. The Staff is continuing its investigation and will amend its recommendation if it is able to confirm that a

wireline competitor is providing local voice service to residential customers in the Savannah exchange.

5. The Staff is concurrently filing its testimony to explain its recommendations to the Commission to grant competitive classification for both residential and business services in the Ewing, LaBelle, Lewistown and Macon exchanges.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests the Commission to grant, in part, and to deny, in part, Spectra's application.

Respectfully submitted,

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