

# MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. IO-2006-0428

CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC

From: Sara Buyak  
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Subject: Staff Recommendation to Approve CenturyTel's Request to Override a Decision  
by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator

Date: May 23, 2006

SUMMARY: CenturyTel has requested that the Commission reverse a decision by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, which denied CenturyTel's request for an additional block of one thousand telephone numbers in the Dardenne rate center. This memorandum recommends approval of CenturyTel's request.

BACKGROUND: On May 10, 2006, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC (CenturyTel) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) a request for one block of one thousand telephone numbers, to be assigned to the Dardenne rate center. CenturyTel states that it was denied the request by NeuStar because the Months to Exhaust and Utilization Worksheet did not demonstrate that existing numbering resources for the rate center will exhaust within 6 months. CenturyTel requests the Commission review and reverse the decision of NeuStar.

CenturyTel states that it submitted the necessary worksheets to NeuStar, and offers copies of those documents as Exhibits A and B to its application in this Case. CenturyTel was denied the additional telephone numbers because it did not meet the necessary requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission. CenturyTel does have unused telephone numbers available in the Dardenne rate center; however, it is unable to use the spare numbers because of Missouri's Metropolitan Calling Area plan (MCA). CenturyTel states that the MCA plan requires use of segregated NXX codes which requires a minimum of two codes per telephone exchange - one code for MCA telephone numbers, and an additional code for non-MCA telephone numbers. Therefore, CenturyTel seeks the additional numbers to service the future needs of customers requiring MCA numbers.

RECOMMENDATION: CenturyTel does not meet requirements for additional telephone numbers because the months-to-exhaust criteria exceeds a six months supply of telephone numbers but does meet the required utilization rate of 75% as set forth in the FCC guidelines. However, Missouri's MCA requires separate codes to serve both MCA and non-MCA customers, and CenturyTel does not have sufficient MCA numbers available to service the future needs of customers in the Dardenne rate center. For this reason, CenturyTel has

demonstrated a verifiable need for one block of 1,000 additional numbers in the Dardenne rate center. Therefore, the Staff recommends approval of CenturyTel's application. Additionally, the Staff recommends the Commission's order include two statements substantially as follows:

1. CenturyTel's request for a block of 1,000 telephone numbers is granted.
2. CenturyTel shall sequentially assign the block of 1,000 telephone numbers.

Staff is unaware of any other filing that may affect or be affected by this filing.

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☒ **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:    )**

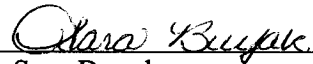
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of the Application of	)	
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC For Review	)	Case No. <b>IO-2006-0428</b>
and Reversal of North American Number	)	
Plan Administrator's Decision To	)	
Withhold Numbering Resources	)	

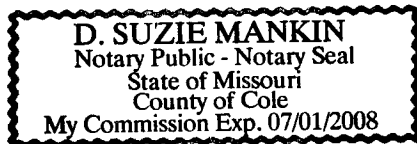
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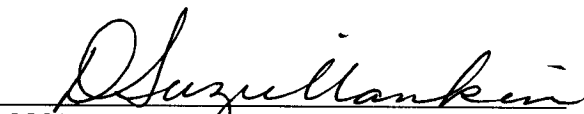
STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
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COUNTY OF COLE	)	

Sara Buyak, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she has participated in the preparation of the accompanying staff recommendation, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.

  
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Sara Buyak

Subscribed and affirmed before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006  
I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri  
and my commission expires on 07-01-2008



  
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