

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, for Review)
and Reversal of the North American)
Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision)
to Withhold Numbering Resources for the)
Dardenne, Missouri Rate Center)

Case No. IO-2006-0428

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC filed an application with NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator of the North American Numbering Plan ("Pooling Administrator"), to obtain one 1,000 block of telephone numbers to implement Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") in the CenturyTel rate center of Dardenne. The Pooling Administrator denied CenturyTel's request because CenturyTel's utilization rate did not meet the required utilization rate. CenturyTel now seeks review of the Pooling Administrator's decision.

2. This Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyTel if the Commission determines that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that CenturyTel has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Without an Order from the Commission approving CenturyTel's request to receive the desired NPA/NXX codes in the Dardenne rate center, CenturyTel will be unable to meet the future needs of customers requiring MCA numbers in that exchange because

the 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 both groups of customers. Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order overturning the Pooling Administrator's decision.

4. 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.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission, at its earliest convenience, issue an order that:

- (1) determines that CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies;
- (2) reverses the decision of the Pooling Administrator and approves CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's request for a block of 1,000 numbers for the Dardenne rate center.

Respectfully submitted,

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