

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the matter of the Joint Application)
of GTE Arkansas Incorporated and)
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas LLC)
for authority to transfer and acquire)
part of GTE Arkansas Incorporated's)
franchise, facilities or system located in)
the State of Missouri and for issuance of)
certificates of service authority to)
CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas.)

Case No. TM-2000-471

MOTION FOR WAIVER OF 4 CSR 240-2.080(1)

Comes now CenturyTel of Northwest Arkansas, LLC, ("CenturyTel" or "Applicant") and moves the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to grant its Motion for Waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.080(1) in the above-referenced case. In support thereof, Applicant respectfully states to the Commission as follows:

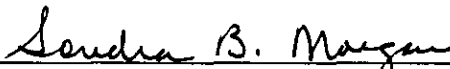
1. On this same date, Applicant is filing a Joint Application with the Commission wherein GTE Arkansas Incorporated ("GTE") requests authority to transfer and CenturyTel requests authority to acquire part of GTE's franchise, facilities and system located in the State of Missouri and for issuance of certificates of authority to provide telecommunications services to CenturyTel.

2. As Exhibit 2 to the Joint Application, CenturyTel is filing the Amended and Restated Asset Purchase Agreement between GTE and CenturyTel with all its attachments. This Asset Purchase Agreement and its attachments consists of close to 400 pages of documents which will be filed as "proprietary" pursuant to a request for a protective order filed on this same date.

3. For these reasons, Applicant requests that the Commission grant a waiver of its rule of Practice and Procedure, 4 CSR 240-2.080(1), which requires that an original and fourteen copies be filed with the Commission. Applicant has included with the Joint Application an original and six (6) copies of Exhibit 2. An original and fourteen copies of the Joint Application and all other exhibits have been provided.

Wherefore, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for Waiver of 4 CSR 240-2.080(1) requiring fourteen copies of all documents filed with the Commission and for any other relief appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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