

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

In the Matter of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC's)	
Request for Competitive Classification Pursuant to)	Case No. IO-2006-0109
Section 392.245.5, RSMo (2005))	

MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATING IN HEARING

COME NOW Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and CyberTel Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Verizon Wireless (collectively "Verizon Wireless"), and for its Motion To Be Excused From Participating in the Hearing of this matter scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, hereby states as follows:

1. Verizon Wireless first became aware of its involvement in this proceeding on the afternoon of September 23, 2005.
2. Verizon Wireless has filed, or will be filing, an Affidavit setting forth the information called for by the Commission in its Order entered September 22, 2005.
3. Neither of Verizon Wireless' counsel is available for the hearing: Mr. James F. Mauzé is out of the country, and Mr. Thomas E. Pulliam is fulfilling his obligation to report for jury duty in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri.
4. Counsel for Applicant, Staff, and the Office of Public Counsel do not object to Verizon Wireless being excused from the hearing on this matter.

WHEREFORE, Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless, Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and CyberTel Cellular Telephone Company d/b/a Verizon Wireless request that they be excused from participating in the hearing on this matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent via e-mail the 26th day of September, 2005, to counsel of record.

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