

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

In the Matter of the Spectra Communications	)	
Group, LLC d/b/a CenturyTel Proposed Revision	)	
To its PSC Mo. No. 3 Long Distance Message	)	Case No. IT-2004-0141
Telecommunications Service Tariff to Introduce	)	Tariff File No. JI-2004-0148
The Promotional Macon Expanded Calling Plan.	)	

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF TARIFF
AND VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL**

COMES NOW Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyTel (“CenturyTel” or “Applicant”), pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(1) and 4 CSR 240-2.065(3), and respectfully notifies the Commission that it hereby withdraws the proposed revised tariff sheet which is the subject matter of this Tariff File No. JI-2004-0148 and Case No. IT-2004-0141 (PSC Mo. No. 3, Long Distance Message Telecommunications Service, 1st Revised Sheet No. 31, canceling Original Sheet No. 31), and that it further voluntarily dismisses its Application requesting relief from Subsection 392.200.4(1), RSMo 2000, filed in this matter on September 17, 2003.

1. On August 1, 2003, CenturyTel filed its promotional tariff -- Macon Expanded Calling Plan -- with the Commission, which would provide an optional, expanded intraLATA calling service to subscribers in CenturyTel’s rural Macon exchange. As documented in this Commission’s previous *Order Directing Filing*¹, CenturyTel extended the promotional tariff’s effective date several times to facilitate

¹“After filing its proposed tariff sheet, CenturyTel entered into discussions with the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission with the object of obtaining a favorable recommendation from the Staff. While these discussions went forward, CenturyTel on August 5, 2003, extended the effective date of the proposed sheet by letter from August 11 to August 25. On August 14, CenturyTel again extended the effective date of the proposed sheet by letter from August 25 to October 1. Finally, on September 17, CenturyTel extended the effective date from October 1 to October 15. Also on September 17, at the advice of Staff, CenturyTel filed its Application seeking relief from Section 392.200.4(1), RSMo 2000.” *Order Directing Filing*, September 19, 2003, pp. 1-2.

continued discussions with the Commission's Staff, culminating in CenturyTel filing its Application seeking relief from Section 392.200.4(1) RSMo 2000. In its verified Application, CenturyTel set out the various reasons why the Commission should grant such relief, and offered support for its position that the optional, expanded intraLATA calling service provided by its Macon Expanded Calling Plan Promotional Tariff is reasonably necessary to promote the public interest and the purposes and policies of Chapter 392, RSMo 2000.

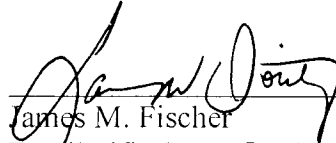
2. As a result of assertions in opposition to the tariff and application from the Missouri Independent Telephone Company Group and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc., as well as the Staff's recommendation of suspension, in its *Order Suspending Tariff, Granting Intervention, Setting Prehearing Conference, and Directing Filing* entered in this matter on October 9, the Commission found "that significant questions have been raised regarding that proposed tariff such that the tariff should be suspended for further consideration." On October 24, the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule*.

3. In accordance with the procedural schedule adopted by the Commission, no prepared testimony has been filed, nor has any oral evidence been offered, in this proceeding.²

² "An applicant or complainant may voluntarily dismiss an application or complaint without an order of the commission at any time before prepared testimony has been filed or oral evidence has been offered, by filing a notice of dismissal with the commission and serving a copy on all parties." 4 CSR 240-2.116(1).

WHEREFORE, Spectra Communications Group, L.L.C. d/b/a CenturyTel hereby withdraws its tariff sheet (P.S.C. Mo. No. 3, 1st Revised Sheet 31, Cancels Original Sheet 31) currently suspended by the Commission, and further voluntarily dismisses its Application previously filed herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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