

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

**PETITION OF SOCKET TELECOM, LLC)
FOR COMPULSORY ARBITRATION OF)
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS)
WITH CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI,)
LLC AND SPECTRA)
COMMUNICATIONS, LLC PURSUANT)
TO SECTION 252(b)(1) OF THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996)**

CASE NO. TO-2006-0299

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO ENTER APPEARANCE

COMES NOW Kara Altenbaumer-Price of Hughes & Luce, LLP, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(c), respectfully petitions the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") to permit her to appear and represent CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra Communications Group, LLC, in addition to other local counsel, in this matter. In support of this petition, Ms. Altenbaumer-Price states and certifies as follows:

1. I am an attorney employed by the law firm of Hughes & Luce, LLP, 1717 Main Street, Suite 2800, Dallas, Texas 75201, and a member in good standing of the bar and the courts of the State of Texas and the United States District Court of the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas.

2. I have not been disqualified from practicing in any of the courts listed in paragraph 1. None of the attorneys employed by my firm have been disqualified from practicing in any courts.

3. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A is a copy of the receipt issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court acknowledging receipt of the \$100 fee required by Rule 6.01(m) for me to appear for the above-referenced parties in connection with this proceeding.

4. I hereby designate Larry W. Dority, Fischer & Dority, P.C., 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 as associate counsel for purposes of this petition, and by their signatures they accept such designation.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the undersigned has caused a complete copy of the attached document to be electronically filed and served on the Commission's Office of General Counsel (at gencounsel@psc.mo.gov), the Office of the Public Counsel (at opcservice@ded.mo.gov), and counsel for Socket Telecom, LLC (at clumley@lawfirmemail.com; lcurtis@lawfirmemail.com; and b.magness@phonelaw.com) on this 1st day of February, 2006.

/s/ Larry W. Dority

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This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$300 as required by Rule 6.01(m) for David Brown, Floyd Hartley, and Kara Altenbaumer-Price, appearing in the Petition of Socket Telecom, LLC for Compulsory Arbitration of Interconnection Agreements with CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC and Spectra Communications, LLC Pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Cause No. TO-2006-0299, before the Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas F. Simon", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas F. Simon, Clerk